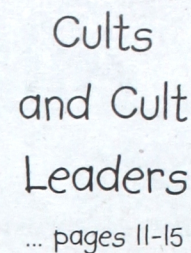


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All About Eves, Ontario's New Premier

Martin O'Malley
CBC News Online

Ernie Eves has served as golfing partner, finance minister, house leader, hatchetman and best friend to outgoing Ontario Premier Mike Harris. Since he announced his intention to seek the leadership of the Ontario Tories last November, Eves has devoted his considerable energy to succeeding Harris.

The two men bear startling similarities to one another in everything except looks and style. Eves likes expensive suits and French cuffs – he allots himself a \$25,000-a-year clothing allowance – while Harris prefers loose-fitting sweaters and open-necked shirts. Harris also speaks in a sonorous, yawning drone, while Eves sounds like a small, angry dog barking at hubcaps.

The two share divorce horror stories, each having suffered through the death throes of a failed marriage; Eves' had lasted 30 years, Harris's 25. Both were elected to the Ontario legislature in 1981. Both raised two children, Eves a son and a daughter; Harris two sons. Both have fiery tempers. Both come from working-class families that migrated from cities to the north woods of Ontario, Eves

from Windsor to Parry Sound, Harris from Toronto to the ski hills and golf courses surrounding North Bay. Eves vigorously supported Harris's bid for the party leadership in 1990.

The similarities were enough to convince John Ibbitson of *The Globe and Mail* to write last November "...make no mistake, choose Ernie Eves and you get Mike Harris all over again."

Eves began the campaign to win the leadership of the Conservative Party of Ontario as the front-runner, and the best weapon the Ontario Conservatives have against the resurgence of the provincial Liberals, led by Dalton McGuinty. A poll earlier this month showed the Liberals ahead of the Conservatives by 47 per cent to 44 per cent in a provincial general election.

"I am McGuinty's worst nightmare," Eves has said.

Eves was born in Windsor, Ont., in 1946, the son of an assembly-line worker who went on to become plant manager. The family moved to Parry Sound when Ernie was in his teens. Eves was first elected to the Ontario legislature in 1981 as the MPP for Parry Sound (when he earned the nickname



Wednesday, Ernie Eves had a Target Tattooed on his Ass!

"Landslide Ernie" because he won by six votes in a recount). He ran successfully in the provincial elections of 1985, 1987, 1990, 1995 and 1999 (in the renamed riding of Parry Sound-Muskoka).

As Ontario finance minister, Eves managed a budget of \$62.5 billion. He can take much of the credit for leading the province from a deficit of \$11.3 billion to a surplus of \$1.4 billion in five years.

In the early days of the "Common Sense Revolution" – a spin-off from U.S. President Ronald Reagan's Republican program to cut costs and frills and social services – Eves wielded a sharp, heavy axe. It took

him only three weeks in the summer of 1995 to cut provincial spending by \$1.9 billion and slash welfare rates by 21.6 per cent. That autumn, he took his axe to grants to municipalities, hospitals, universities, colleges and schools, whacking off another \$3 billion in savings.

He also suffered personal tragedy in 1995 when his 22-year-old son Justin died in a car crash near their home in Parry Sound. Soon after his son's death, Eves' marriage to his wife Vicki began to fall apart. They officially separated in the fall of 1998, by which time Eves was in a serious relationship with cabinet colleague Isabel Bassett, the widow of media mogul John Bassett.

Eves established the Justin Eves Foundation after his son's tragic death. It is a charitable, non-profit foundation dedicated to providing financial support through scholarships for learning-disabled youth.

The Ernie Eves who contested the leadership this winter seemed to have turned a page in the old Common Sense Revolution book he and Harris championed in the late 1990s. For example, he promised \$500 million in new education spending in Ontario. The money would include \$300 million to universities over six years to match their own fund-raising efforts, some \$50 million to disadvantaged school boards, and millions more for public school textbooks. As finance minister, Eves earned \$111,000 a year, but perks included a chauffeur-driven limousine, a rent-subsidized apartment in Toronto, bodyguards and the usual expenses for travel, restaurants and a riding office. He came into a substantial financial windfall when MPPs' pensions were restructured, netting Eves a whopping payout of \$864,000 in 2001 because he had been an MPP for 20 years.

He resigned his seat in the legislature in February 2001 to take on the job of Canadian vice-president at Credit Suisse First Boston, which paid him an income said to be in the high six-figures. Eves continued in the job – making him an official Bay Street banker – while running for the leadership of the Ontario Tories.

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Harper wins Alliance leadership

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Stephen Harper has been elected leader of the Canadian Alliance Party, winning a convincing first-ballot victory.

The party announced the results of the mail-in leadership vote in Calgary on Wednesday night. Harper won with 55 per cent of the vote, surprising many who had predicted a second ballot would be needed.

"You have just voted to move our party forward into the future," Harper told the crowd gathered to hear the results.

"We will continue to be guided by the founding principles of this party," he said. "We must be the party that believes taxpayers are as important as politicians, that ranks and file workers are as important as union bosses."

For much of the campaign Harper and Stockwell Day were considered the front-runners, far ahead of Diane Ablonczy and Grant Hill. But many observers expected none would win a clear majority.

Harper, 42, is a former MP with the Reform Party. Since leaving Parliament in 1997, he has led the National Citizens' Coalition, a right-wing lobby group. He was a founding member of the Reform Party, and was involved in drafting early Reform policy. He decided not to seek re-election in 1997 after a falling out with Reform founder Preston Manning.



All party members who signed up before March 1 were eligible to vote by mailing in ballots between March 8 and March 15. There were 124,000 ballots issued, and 88,228 were returned.

Day urged the party to rally around the new leader. "We are so glad there's a conclusive result here tonight," he said. "Second ballot races are no fun."

A second mail-in ballot would have been held over the next week if no one had candidates had received a clear majority of the votes, with those results announced at the party convention April 4.

Hill said Harper's election offers the party a chance to move beyond the troubles that forced Day to step down. "He has a lot of caucus support," Hill said. "It looks like the membership has chosen internal rebuilding ahead of external co-operation."

Harper said during the campaign he wasn't interested in discussing uniting with the Progressive Conservatives as long as Joe Clark leads the Tories.

The leadership vote was precipitated by a caucus revolt over Day's leadership of the party. He stepped down after 13 caucus members walked out to protest his poor performance both in the 2000 election and in the House afterward.

Six of the defecting MPs eventually returned to the Alliance fold, but the remaining seven decided they couldn't stay under Day's leadership and they formed a coalition with the Tories. Harper said he would welcome the dissident MPs back.

"I feel they should be back," he told CBC News. "My view is they have a moral obligation to serve as Canadian Alliance MPs... The door is open."

Ablonczy said she hoped the dissidents, who include party stalwarts Chuck Strahl and Deb Grey, would come back.

"Canadians want to see us turning a corner and healing our rifts," Ablonczy said.

Harper has to win a seat in the House of Commons before he can take on the role as leader of the Opposition, which he said he would rather do sooner than later.

Canadian Alliance Leadership Results

Stephen Harper	48,961	55.04%
Stockwell Day	33,074	37.49%
Diane Ablonczy	3,370	3.82%
Grant Hill	3,220	3.65%

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Laurentian and the National Autonomous University of Mexico Launch New Partnership Agreement

LU Press Release

Laurentian University and the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) celebrated today the launch of a new partnership between both institutions. Taking part in the signing of this general agreement of cultural, educational and scientific cooperation were Dr. Hermann Falter, President of Laurentian University, and Ms. Esperanza Garrido, Director of the National Autonomous University of Mexico's School of Extension in Canada, on behalf of Dr. Juan Ramón de la Fuente, President of UNAM. The objective of this agreement is to foster collaboration between both parties, with the goal of participating jointly in academic, scientific, and cultural activities in areas of common interests. In order to achieve this objective, both institutions agree

to carry on the following activities: joint activities in research and teaching areas; exchange of scholars to realize academic work and short-term courses; exchange of students for graduate studies; and exchange of academic materials and other information.

UNAM is the main educational institution in Mexico. Established in 1551 and re-founded in 1910, it remains the cornerstone on which Mexican higher education has been built, and had played a significant role in the historic development of the country. It is a public, decentralized, national and autonomous institution whose activities include teaching, research and extension of culture. UNAM, which has about 265,000 students in different parts of Mexico City and the country, offers nine technical degrees, 68 under-

graduate degrees and more than 220 postgraduate degrees (specialization, masters and doctoral).

"This agreement will provide an excellent opportunity for our faculty and students to gain international experience and pursue their studies and research at one Mexico's main educational institutions," said Dr. Hermann Falter, President of Laurentian University. "It will promote the flow of ideas and knowledge between the two countries by allowing Laurentian to share its expertise in the areas of mining and re-greening initiatives, while also gaining access to a wealth of cultural, educational and scientific knowledge from our new partner. We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relations with the UNAM and are proud to collaborate with this important institution."

New Research Facility to Study Nuclear Radiocontamination and Groundwater Quality

LU Press Release

On Wednesday, March 6, Dr. François Caron, professor of chemistry and biochemistry at Laurentian University, and his research team celebrated the official opening of the Radiochemical Preparation and Analysis Facility. This event included a gathering and formal presentations followed by visits of the laboratory, in room S-313 of the Science Building.

As explained by Dr. François Caron, director of this research facility, there is a need to determine the fate of radiocontaminants from nuclear wastes since about half of the electricity produced in Ontario comes from nuclear reactors.

The new research facility, which received \$300,000 in funding,

two-thirds of which was used to purchase scientific equipment, will also create the tools to predict migration and groundwater quality data at the point of use. Several students are already accessing this research facility to analyse nuclear wastes, migration of radionuclides in soils, and radiocarbon near waste management sites.

The Radiochemical Preparation and Analysis Facility is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment, including a custom-designed ultra-pure water supply system, a dissolved carbon analyser, a high performance liquid chromatography system, an automatic titration system, gamma radiation spectroscopy equipment, and various smaller items.

This facility is uniquely capable

of developing new methods and preparing water samples of various environmental origins - from very pure to more contaminated - for subsequent analysis. This new laboratory is unrivalled for its custom-designed high purity water system.

The following agencies provided financial support, equipment or infrastructure funding to the Radiochemical Preparation and Analysis Facility: Canada Foundation for Innovation, Ontario Innovation, Laurentian University, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, Materials and Manufacturing Ontario, Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, Waters Limited, Ionics/Sievers, and Fisher Scientific.

New \$5 Bill Celebrates Winter Sports

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Canada's new \$5 bill was officially unveiled on Wednesday, but some people got a sneak peek at the bills after some banks accidentally handed them out earlier this week. The new blue bill, called Children at Play, was unveiled at a ceremony in Montreal. It depicts Sir Wilfrid Laurier on the front and children tobogganing, learning to skate and playing hockey on the back.

"The new \$5 note pays homage to children as Canada's future, and play as a healthy part of their physical, social, and cultural development," said Finance Minister Paul Martin in a statement.

"It is also a celebration of

Canada's northern climate where our winter pastimes - in particular the game of hockey - reflect our sporting heritage."

Martin and Bank of Canada governor David Dodge unveiled the bill at what was once centre ice at the Montreal Forum, now known as the Pepsi Forum. The bill is part of the new Canadian Journey series, which

includes new security features to help thwart counterfeiters. Some of the security features on the new \$5 bill are:

- raised ink
- iridescent maple leaves
- a hidden number

The new bill also incorporates features found on the new \$10 bill, which was launched in January 2001.



News Briefs

Ottawa Students Face Expulsion Over Ethics Paper

A group of Carleton University students has been accused of cheating - on an ethics assignment. Associate Dean Donald Russell said Tuesday about 30 engineering students had been assigned to write an essay on ethics. Instead of using original material, they plagiarized work they found on the Internet, he said.

A program coordinator discovered the alleged plagiarism by comparing the essays the students submitted to essays on a similar subject that are easily available on the Net.

The university is still investigating the cases, but it appears that in one plagiarized submission, only four words had been changed.

Russell said he is disappointed in the students. "I've been a little bit surprised that the students under time pressure believe that it's easy for them to find material on the Web and put it into their essays, and don't expect it's equally easy for the faculty to find the same material to essentially check if they've taken any material from the Internet," he said.

"The students are recognizing that, as we go through the investigations this week."

Each of the accused students will be questioned, but if it's established they did indeed cheat they face penalties that range from a failing grade to expulsion.

Student Suspended Because Coat Smelled Like Pot

An Ottawa-area high school suspended a student on Tuesday because his jacket smelled like pot. Chris Laurin, 15, was sent home and told not to come back to St. Matthew Catholic High School in Orleans for two days after a police dog zeroed in on his winter coat. The police were on a routine search of the school when the coat was singled out.

Police and school officials ordered the boy's pockets emptied and searched his locker. They found nothing, but the principal decided to suspend him anyway under the board's safe schools policy.

"There shouldn't be drugs at school," said Laurin. "But suspending me over nothing is a totally different topic."

The Ottawa-Carleton Catholic School Board supports the school decision, although superintendent of student services Michael Baine won't comment specifically on the case.

He said board policy doesn't spell out punishments for every possible infraction, leaving school officials a lot of latitude. "You can't have a specific thing for every possible thing that can occur around weapons or drugs or alcohol or anything else," he said. "A principal has to look at an entire picture and has to make a determination as to what the appropriate punishment is."

Police say dogs can smell marijuana on clothing for months after exposure. Baine says regular drug searches are part of the board's safe schools program aimed at keeping drugs, alcohol and weapons out of schools.

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My Shoes...

by Mat Thompson
Editor In Chief

It is a rare time when I'm actually happy about something. This column is usually filled with me bitching and complaining about something around the school, in my life, or just the world in general. Well, I am here, for the first (and probably last) time to actually talk about something good... my new shoes.

Sure, new shoes are a dime a dozen... well... that is unless you are actually paying for them then a dozen shoes would cost a lot of beer money. Now, I don't buy new shoes that often since new shoes suck. They are never that comfortable and it takes forever to break them in. I like to keep shoes until they finally fall off my feet, then I will wait another month just to see how long I can live barefoot.

This past week I was in SportChek and saw a pair of blue Airwalk shoes on a sale rack. Since these shoes were the last pair that the store had, I didn't even think twice and headed to the ski section to dream of a day where I can buy skis that I can use and not kill myself on.

A few minutes later I walked back by the shoe rack and noticed that the one pair of Airwalk shoes were size 12. Now, if you don't have large feet like me, you don't understand how hard it is to find the perfect size 12. Any shoe above a 10 is a strange shape or form and never settles with your foot properly.

After looking at the price of the shoes (over 50% off) I tried them on. It was like slipping my foot into a huge bowl of chocolate pudding. Sure, that may sound disgusting, but hey, I like chocolate pudding. The shoes fit perfectly and they felt good. I was a little leery of buying them, as I figured they would fall apart immediately after leaving the store, but I bought them anyway. To my own 'pleasure du pied' the shoes lasted. Actually, they lasted through nine hours of walking around downtown Toronto on Saturday and my feet did not hurt one bit.

I have no idea whether this is connected, but I have been in a great mood since I put these shoes on. It's like they are magic! I have always been very conscious of my feet. I hate shoes and socks that are restrictive or painful in any way. If my feet are not comfortable, then I am not comfortable.

I tried to stress the whole foot care issue in the Foot Feature that we published a month or two ago. I just wish I had these shoes then and I could have written about it then.

I want another pair! If I had the money I would probably buy at least five pairs, then put them away. Every time one of the pairs wore out, I would have a spare in the closet. This would make me happy! I have always said I wanted to be rich enough to wear a new pair of socks every day for the rest of my life, but I now can add to that and say that I would also like a lifetime supply of Airwalk shoes, size 12. This would make my life complete.

I hope no other shoe companies take offense to this article, but I have followed the commercials and advertisements and all the sports stars around and they have never given me a shoe as good as this one. Nike, Reebok and all the others can charge as much as they want for their shoes, but I will stick with these ones.

This editorial really has no point does it? Too bad. I have new shoes and for some reason you have actually read a 700 word editorial about how happy I am with them. How comfortable are your feet right now? Do your shoes make your feet comfortable or do they suck? I think everyone deserves comfortable shoes like these. Maybe the world will be a better place if we all wore comfortable shoes. Okay, maybe I am going a little far, but hey, these are some damn fine shoes...



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A Space for Rant Letters to the Editor

Bullshit in Rez,

Following up on the article printed by Jason Andrade published in Volume 40, Issue 14 of Lambda. I don't think Mr. Andrade realizes how far the bullshit goes or just how many people's lives are effected by the bad decisions made at the Residence Office.

I have spent my entire University career in Single Student Residence and I have only found that it has gotten worse and worse through the years. Now, people might blame those living in the residence for its downfall but no, it's the people who are running the show that make this place a hellhole to live in.

I started first year with an RA that was never around, literally he just was never around. He graduated after my first year so thankfully that was the end of that. My second year I was unlucky enough to be dealt a load of Bullshit. This RA was the worst of the four that I have had. He never dealt with problems, he favoured his friends past the point of sanity and he didn't have any balls to stand up to anything. I know of at least 15 people who gave him a rotten review for his RA evaluations.

My 3rd year I removed myself from his floor and went to my third RA. Now he was a great guy, no doubts about that, but even after a rather indiscreet action his job was still sound and he continued as an RA. I am now in my fourth and final year in SSR (thank god) and I have an RA who is great. They have been around when I or virtually anyone on the floor has needed them, they have solved almost every problem that has arisen - and there has been quite a few, both very serious and some trivial, they were none the less there. They showed no bias when solving problems and have kept the floor for the most part copasetic. This person however has not been given their position back for the upcoming year.

The RAs that have been chosen for this year are a new crop of people who have had their noses up the Rez manager and current RLC's ass since they set foot here. People who for the most part aren't people I would tell my last name to, let alone tell that I had some sort of problem. I know for a fact that the current RLC has a problem with the concept of confidentiality and most secrets that he is privy to are disclosed quite readily. The Rez manager none the less has kept him as Residence Life Co-ordinator, a job which he has completely screwed up. He has mismanaged funds, events and has essentially failed the RA's and the residence complex as a whole.

I wish there were something we could do to change the way UC/SSR is run and a way in which we could have the people who are in charge reviewed and if possible removed if the residents don't feel like they are fulfilling their jobs. I feel its time for a new head, we should think of getting rid of the Rez manager and creating an environment in which biases, kissing up and who you know doesn't get you the job. People who aren't in the Rez manager or RLC's group of friends should have an equal chance for a position in residence, whether it be RA, Porter or even in the Games Room. This place has been turned into such Old Boys Club that if you don't know the "right" people then there is no chance in hell that you're going to get the position you applied for.

So Mr. Andrade you touched the tip of the iceberg when you wrote your article but look further, as it's worse than you think; the bullshit isn't just knee deep, we're drowning in it.

Sick of Swallowing the Bullshit

Editor's Note: This is a good start. Write letters to the heads of the school and Rez Office will have to take notice. They hate bad press around there!

Dear Lambda / Mat,

Since you work there, maybe you can answer my question. Why is it that students are treated like crap when they go to their own Pub? The security and staff treat us like a bunch of ass-holes. It's a wonder that people even go there anymore. Everytime you breathe wrong you are running the risk of being thrown out or being banned for life. We are harassed from the time we walk through the door to the time that we have to leave at the end of the night. If the staff was nicer then the Pub would be a much better place to hang out and drink. I know you won't print this, but maybe you can show it to the manager and have him hire people who are inviting and nice to work at The Pub.

Banned For Life

Editor's Note: Hey, I'll print a letter even if you go after my other job. I know people have their own opinions of The Pub and the staff, but what you have to remember is that you are treated the exact same way that you are acting. If you are a drunk ass-hole who gets in the face of security for no reason, then that is exactly the way you are going to be treated. We are doing a job. We are not there to be your best friend. Go to any bar in Toronto and act the way you do here and you will beg for a banning as they plant their foot in your ass and beat you unconscious.

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Web Child-Porn Ring Shut Down

By Ted Bridis
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WASHINGTON (AP) - The FBI says it expects to arrest at least 50 more people by week's end as it breaks up an Internet child-pornography ring that allegedly included two Catholic priests, six other members of the clergy, a school bus driver and a civilian law enforcement employee.

The agency said Monday its "Operation Candyman" sweep already had resulted in criminal charges against more than 89 people in 26 states. The effort targeted members of three Internet discussion groups on Yahoo Inc.'s Web site, including one called "Candyman," apparently named after a song in the 1971 children's movie "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory."

"I'd like to see one sweep a day," said Bruce J. Gebhardt, FBI executive assistant director for criminal investigations and cyber-crime. "We want to keep the pressure up on all these people."

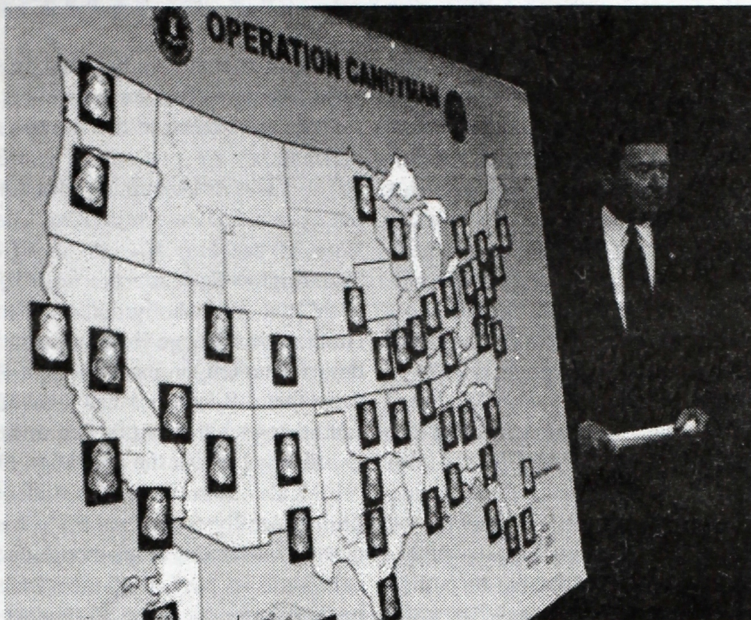
All three Internet groups have been shut down. Investigators declined to identify the other two groups by name, saying it might interfere with efforts to trace suspects through their e-mail addresses. They said 7,000 people worldwide registered e-mail addresses with the Candyman group, and authorities were able to trace 1,400 people in the United States through those addresses.

"A new marketplace for child pornography has opened in the dark corners of cyberspace," Attorney General John Ashcroft said Monday in announcing the investigation. "There will be no free rides on the Internet for those who traffic in child pornography."

Gebhardt said Yahoo executives cooperated with FBI requests for information about the subscribers to the discussion groups. But Gebhardt declined to say whether he believed Yahoo should have monitored its discussion groups to prevent them from operating as open exchanges for child pornography.

Organizers of the Candyman group described it online as "for people who love kids. You can post any type of messages you like, too, or any type of pics and vids you like, too. P.S. If we all work together we will have the best group on the Net."

Mike Heimbach, head of the FBI's child crime unit, described the images exchanged on the Candyman group as "very explicit" and "hard-



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core."

FBI officials in Washington declined to identify by name any of those arrested or charged, except to list the occupations of some they described as "significant perpetrators" because they held jobs where they might spend time with children.

The officials said those people included a Catholic priest in the St. Louis area; a school bus driver in Albany, N.Y.; a preschool teacher's aide in Las Vegas; a child photographer and an unspecified clergy member in Philadelphia; and a person the FBI described as a civilian law enforcement employee in West Virginia. That person has not been arrested, FBI Special Agent Bill Crowley said, declining to provide further details.

The FBI did not further identify the denominations of the non-Catholic clergy members implicated in the sweep.

In Las Vegas, authorities said Beckham Baker, 23, was indicted Feb. 6 on one charge of receiving child pornography and one charge of possession of child pornography. Baker, who worked in a southern Nevada day care center, is free pending his next court appearance.

FBI Special Agent Gayle Jacobs said authorities moved quickly to arrest Baker because of his job. "Obviously, he needed to be removed from working with children," she said.

Reached by telephone Monday at his Las Vegas apartment, Baker said he was seeking to hire a lawyer and declined to comment further.

The school bus driver in New

York was identified as Shannon Timothy Macauley, 36, of Constable, N.Y. Macauley was charged by state police in November and December with sodomizing five boys. Another arrest in New York was of John J. Schmidt Jr., 51, of Dolgeville, N.Y. Schmidt, an elementary school teacher, was charged in November with receiving child pornography on his home computer from Internet sites.

Schmidt pleaded innocent. His attorney, Frank Policelli, said he couldn't comment on evidence he still hasn't seen.

"The government always comes forth before anybody can see what kind of case they have," Policelli said. "You can't form an opinion just because the government made charges. They can charge anybody."

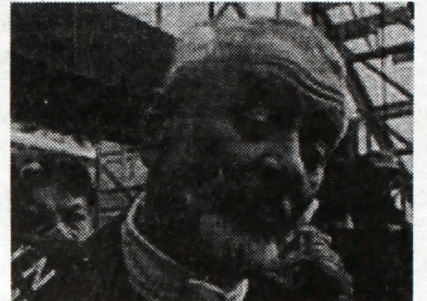
In St. Louis, archdiocese officials disclosed earlier this month that a computer belonging to the Rev. John Hess, a priest at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Florissant, had been seized as part of a child pornography investigation. But authorities could not say late Monday whether that search was related to Monday's announcement in Washington. Hess has been removed from the parish.

FBI spokesman Pete Gulotta in Baltimore confirmed that among those also charged was the Rev. Thomas A. Rydzewski, an associate pastor at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore. His arrest on Dec. 13 had been previously announced there by authorities, but there was no indication of a larger investigation until Monday's announcement.

Sharpe Not Guilty of Possessing Written Child Pornography

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John Robin Sharpe is not guilty of possessing or distributing written child pornography, British Columbia Supreme Court Judge Duncan Shaw ruled on Tuesday. Sharpe was found guilty of two counts of possessing pornographic pictures of children, a finding that was expected because he had admitted the facts in one of the two situations. The judge said Sharpe's defense on the written material succeeded on two grounds.



The Stephen King of the Sick Bastard Literary society

First, Sharpe stated that written material must advocate committing a sexual crime with a child to be illegal. "These writings simply describe morally repugnant acts," the judge said, but the stories "do not actively advocate or counsel the reader to engage in the acts described." Therefore, they are not illegal.

Shaw also said the stories had artistic merit, based on testimony from two out of three experts. Artistic merit is a defence, "irrespective of whether the work is considered pornographic," he wrote.

Sharpe will be sentenced for possession of the pictures on May 2. Judge Shaw has asked for a report on electronic monitoring. Sharpe could be jailed, placed under house arrest with an electronic monitor, or receive a lesser sentence.

The ruling was welcomed as increasing literary freedom by Sharpe and his lawyer, but denounced as harmful to children by Rosalind Prober, co-founder of Beyond Borders, an organization dedicated to protecting children. "It still is a crime to possess child pornography," said prosecutor Terry Schultes.

The B.C. government could appeal the finding, further extending a case which began in 1995 when Sharpe was caught at the U.S.-Canada border carrying some of the pictures and stories that were the subject of Shaw's ruling.

Vancouver police later searched his house and found additional stories and pictures. Sharpe's case came to national attention after he won a trial and then an appeal in B.C. based on his constitutional challenge of the child pornography law.

Amid a wave of anger, the federal and six provincial attorneys-general appealed the B.C. ruling to the Supreme Court of Canada. In January 2001, the top court upheld the ban on possessing child pornography, with two exceptions. One said that people can't be prosecuted for written or visual materials created for their their own use and the other allows visual materials as long as photos don't show unlawful acts and are for the owner's own use. The Supreme Court sent Sharpe's case back for retrial in B.C., which took place in January.

Child advocates and sexual abuse investigators say the B.C. Supreme Court's decision to make sexually explicit stories about children legal will only encourage sexual predators.

Sharpe has refused to paraphrase the content of his stories, entitled *Boyabuse*, *Timothy and the Terrorist*, and *Stand by America*. He has spent the last seven years defending his right to author them. "Look, read the decision. The decision contains descriptions of the stories," said Sharpe. The stories contain graphic descriptions of adults torturing or having sex with children.

Vancouver police detective Noreen Waters has read Sharpe's stories, and says she thinks they go too far. "I think if anybody in the community read that material they'd be appalled, absolutely appalled," she says. Waters says this type of literature sexually excites pedophiles and is often possessed by child abusers.

Child advocates have also expressed concern about the writings, which they say romanticize violent acts against children.



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A Look At "All-Candidates"

by Jason Andrade
Staff Writer

So, today I had the distinct pleasure of sitting in the Great Hall while listening to speeches at the All-Candidates meeting held this morning at 11:30. I'll be honest with you when saying that I had my own preconceived notions about the candi-

dates for this year's elections. After hearing the speeches that were made and the responses to the questions that were asked, some opinions have definitely changed while some have indeed remained the same.

Listening to the speeches that were made, I came to some realiza-

tions. First, not everyone who aspires to be a student leader here at Laurentian University is fully literate. The moderate grasp of vocabulary by some of this year's candidates was truly appalling. Even more shocking was the amount of repetition that took place today by the candidates even though, for the most part, nothing was actually being said. I tired quickly of hearing about how he/she is going to make "changes" to the school/in the school/for the school. WHAT CHANGES??? With the exception of one candidate in particular, do you even know to what the hell you are referring?? I sat patiently and waited for someone to outline some of these "changes", yet not a single person was willing or able to step up to this task.

I listened to people talk about helping to improve the Pub, so that it can reach its "full potential". I listened to people talk about how there are a majority of on-campus resident students that are in the Pub on "pub nights". I said nothing as candidates spoke about assimilating off-campus students into on-campus activities. Let me ask a question: Where the hell have these people been? Every Thursday night this year has seen the Pub packed, with a line of up to 150 people waiting for entry. Turnout at the Pub on Thursday nights this year has been easily dominated by off-campus students who have finally staked claim to a Pub which also belongs to them. And while the staff and management at the Pub welcome students from both on-campus AND off-campus (because that's the kind of great people they are), those sen-

timents are not always matched by a certain group of residence-dwellers. I won't even mention the snowball incident....

I live off-campus. But for three years, I devoted myself to "The Way of the Hawk". After all, "Huntington frosh are the best, by gosh"!! I was wholly dedicated to Huntington College Residence and though I no longer reside there, it is there that my loyalties lie. I asked candidates what they planned to do in order to prevent the alienation of "Hill Kids" from Laurentian student life. Generally, my question was not met to a satisfactory level, though one candidate in particular-the same, made efforts as earlier. Candidates used detailed, statistical information in order to make an impact, yet the facts that were used were incorrect. Mission Accomplished!! There was definitely an impact made. To what end, no one can really say for certain.

I can appreciate speaking from the heart, because that's what I do three times a week when I have to deal with some moron who may have had too much to drink. Passion in speech can carry you a long way, provided that you are actually dedicated to your convictions. Candor is greatly appreciated, but if speaking off the top of your head is "your thing", SPEAK SLOWLY and THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO SAY. Make sure that your sentences make sense. Do not mask your verbal incompetencies by resorting to "base language" in a vain attempt to convey sincerity. It may work on monkeys who are at that

level, or the ones you drink with, but those of us who are intelligent see through your feeble façade.

I understand that most of the candidates live or have lived in the L.U. Rez Complex at some point. That much being said, what about the rest of us that have never been "privileged" enough to live in the Complex? A great deal of students have never seen some of this year's candidates. I would think that it would be in the best interests of the candidates in question to present themselves in a professional manner. Show me something that I don't see everyday riding the bus. Show me that you take your desired position seriously enough to properly present yourself to your constituents. Most of the candidates came across to a number of students as a joke. Yeah, I can see where a suit and tie may not be "your thing", but are a T-shirt, dirty jeans and Birkenstocks the image that you're going to bring to administration on behalf of the student populous? Not with my vote....

Finally, this article has been written more so to allow me to vent some of the frustrations that I felt in listening to an hour of what was close to being a waste of my time. I've spoken to the candidates that I feel would do the best possible job, and I'm pretty sure that the votes will follow the path of logic. They seem truly dedicated to the task at hand and eager to begin the work that lies ahead. I just hope you vote the right way. If not, you may need more than kneepads and a foul mouth to protect yourselves from the unnecessary punishment.

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A Dictator For Us All

by Chris Bowes
Contributor

A funny thing happened at school today (March 6, 2002). Health sciences were having a career day in the bowling alley and a few of my friends came up and told me their disgust with the fact that the Canadian Armed Forces had a display set up. While I do not question the fact that the Canadian military has definitely affected the health of many people in the world I did find yet another military recruitment campaign at our school a bit much. Anyways, we thought that this could be a great opportunity to express some of our dissatisfaction with the military being at our school so we decided to place some posters up across from their display.

At this point some of the army people displayed some displeasure with signs that accused the military of invoking terror on innocent people in Afghanistan. So we left and returned 15 minutes later to find our posters gone. Luckily we had more. So once again we put them up. One of the soldiers took offense to some of the literature and told me that innocent people dying is one of the necessary side effects of war. He then questioned me on whether or not I approved of the deaths of the people in the WTC attack. I guess he could not understand my position against the murder of innocent people, so I reiterated it. At this point an interesting character entered the picture. He told me that director services must approve all posters in the hallway and tore mine down. I guess this is true, so I asked him "Are you the director of services?" He said no, he was from the placement centre. At this point I foolishly began to walk away feeling that the battle was lost.

But wait! Through the corner of my eye I saw it, a poster promoting a pub night, but the director of services did not stamp it!! I quickly alerted my new friend to come and remove it but he refused. So I put one of mine up next to it that read "Promote tolerance, not violence." Sure enough my buddy scurried over and tore it down. I asked him why he tore mine down and not the others. He then informed me that mine did not reflect the opinion of the student population as a whole, so he had to tear it down. I asked him how he collected his information that students at this school do not agree with the idea of promoting tolerance. Then he told that he did not collect any such information and instead told me to go and try and save a tree.

This puzzled me because, although environmental conservation is a legitimate issue, I did not realize what it had to do with my right to express my views. So I asked him what he meant. Apparently he didn't know either because he turned bright red and responded, "I don't know". At this point his feelings were hurt and the soldier 'thanked him for trying' as he retreated. This seemed to get me worked up again and I asked the soldier why he asked for my posters to be torn down. I did not like his there but I did not remove them. He then informed me that he was "willing to die for my right to hang my posters" and asked me if I knew what would happen to me if I tried that in "Communist Russia". I did not realize that Russia is a communist state, but I let that slide. I must admit that I did find it amusing that he would die for my right to hang the poster but he would also ask the student dictator to come remove it as soon as I

left. He then informed me that the army fought for my interest and if it were not for them who would protect us from being attacked by people such as Adolf Hitler. Further, they receive their orders from the Prime Minister of Canada and my fellow citizens voted him in, here in our democratic country. I did not realize that living in a democratic country allowed me to vote every five years but not me challenge governmental policies or express opinions in between those five years.

While I foolishly stood there and tried to engage in a political discussion with a government drone my cunning friend, had cleverly snuck away and, being the adult that he is, called security on me. Needless to say security showed up and we explained the situation to him. He seemed like he really did not want to involve himself in this at all and actually said he would not remove my poster. He then called the director of services and he was told that he should take all unauthorized posters down. The great dictator enjoyed this and once again removed my poster that hung stating my opinion. I then told the security guard to leave the other posters up from other people because I'm sure that they worked hard on them and my intention was to create more free space for opinions, not less.

I must admit I did find this day eventful, to say the least. And I also thought that students of this school should rest assured because our great student dictator is out there telling others your viewpoints. I think that he deserves at least some recognition for his efforts. Whatever you do though, don't argue with him, because he will call security!!!

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Is it Security or Just a Nuisance?

by Hugh Panelas
A&E Editor

I am a person that feels that everyone in this world has a right to feel safe. The only question is at what cost? All North American residences have been subjected to terrorism and what it truly involves and what it really means. Everyday when you pick up the newspaper there are updates about what is going on overseas and what is being done to protect us here on our home soil. All of this needs to be done. I have experienced the security changes in the small airports like here in Sudbury and I have participated in the changes to the larger ones like Pearson International and even what the USA has done. I have no problem with what is going on. This past weekend I experienced something that was more of a sick joke than security and as a result I was angry.

I was lucky enough to attend WrestleMania X-8 at the SkyDome and I for one never thought that the constant security practices would rear their ugly heads. The gates were supposed to open up at 5:30pm as the event began officially at 8pm. I'm not sure about the other entrances but mine is didn't open up until 5:50pm. There were five doors opened to accommodate over 5000 people trying to get in. Sure, you'd expect the lines to move slowly because there were only 8 people taking tickets at turnstiles but once you got past that there were volunteers patting down the people. I say volunteers because that's what the big sticker on their chests said. There were also police

officers there, but not more than four.

The volunteer's searchers were a complete joke and an utter waste of time. I saw people bypass the search entirely just by walking by. Anyone that was actually polite enough to walk up to the volunteers was lightly and quickly brushed over. I had my keychain in my pocket. I have one of those Molson Canadian mountain climbing clips on my keys. The volunteer simply asked "Is that your keys?" I said yes and that was that. Seems like nothing right? Here's an idea, how about asking me to take them out of my pocket to make sure that there wasn't any weapon attached. These keys are much bulkier than a normal set. Mat had a pocket-knife attached to his pocket watch and the volunteer never asked Mat to show him that watch. Everyone was going through the same process as well. I saw people tell the volunteers that they only had keys and cameras in their pockets. As I was walking up the ramp to the 500 level I watch a guy laugh with his friends as they snuck in a couple of cans of beer. Hey great for them, but imagine this. If they got pockets full of beer cans by what else can a person get by with?

I understand and am for the extra security. Here's the thing: actually perform the proper security precautions. What's the point of wasting everyone's time if the job isn't going to get done correctly? The so-called security was just a mask to make people feel safe and to me that is simply a waste of time.

Have You Been Heartbroken Before?

by Chris Dyck
Staff Writer

In no way am I intending to act like I can read anyone's mind or that I am an expert on this topic.

I do not believe that there is a generic way to effectively deal with a break up. I just want to let you know that you are not alone and there are other people that have experienced something similar to what you are going through (but not exactly the same). There are many examples of people who come out of relationships realizing how strong of a person they really are.

Your life has just been thrown off kilter. You feel empty inside: as if someone important to you has just died. I am so sorry that you have to feel this way. You have free time and you don't know what to do with yourself. I am sorry that the phone does not ring as often anymore, and that when it does, you wonder, for a split second, whether it might be "that" person or not. I feel bad for you because your routine is just not the same anymore. It must be hard for you to deal with.

As hard as it is for you right now, (and I know you don't believe me right now) but I promise you, it

will get better. There is only one catch. You have to deal with your feelings and emotions that you are experiencing. Try not to hide from it. Do not try to find a replacement right away. Do not act like it didn't happen. Do not try to force yourself to move on quickly by treating him like dirt.

Relationships are used as a way to learn about yourself, and also to learn what types of people you get a long with. You need to experience being with many types of people so you are able to determine what type of person best suits your personality. You have to look at every relationship as a positive learning step in your life. None of your experiences or moments were a waste of time.

The famous cliché "time heals" is true in this case. I know it is hard to understand this right now, but with time, once you have distanced yourself from the relationship and stepped outside of the situation, things will begin to become clearer. You will see things that you didn't see before. You'll remove the blindfold. It will be quite an experience.

Something you have to look forward to is becoming closer with

your friends. This is a great opportunity to find out who your friends are and who is not. Also, this will give you a chance to meet new friends that you might not have met if your situation was different.

Another thing that you have to look forward to is being able to think for yourself now. You do not have to check with someone before you make a decision. Your life becomes much clearer when you can make decisions for yourself. Now is your chance to get everything out of your system. You are really fortunate to be in this position.

I know this is hard to believe right now, but this is a very valuable life experience for you. It is good for you to deal with stuff like this and it will have an effect on your life, in some way.

Just remember, in the big picture, no one is seriously harmed. No one died from this situation. Although the relationship has deceased, this is not the hardest thing you will have to deal with in your life, and it will only make you stronger.

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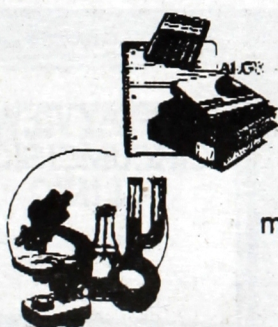
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Goin' On a Clip-Trip

by Jason Andrade
Sports Editor

I know that you all know about my love for "The Clip". As of right this second, we have 18 regular season games left to play. The Clip sit in 9th place in the Western Conference playoff race, only 1.5 games out of the eighth spot. Included in those 18 games that remain, are match-ups with the Washington Wizards, and two contests each with the Seattle (not-so) SuperSonics, and the Utah Jazz. Since the Clippers are currently looking up at Seattle and Utah in the standings, we the Clip faithful, are confident in knowing that our team controls it's own destiny. It's just too bad that we couldn't play the Cruptors a few more times that would all but guarantee a playoff berth. If Toronto played in the Western Conference, they'd be in 11th place in the playoff race today.

But this article is not written to bash your beloved Cruptors—that's what the other article was for. In this article, we're going to take a more in-depth look into the cog that makes the Clippers go—Jeff McInnis.

I'm a big fan of McInnis-huge. There are however, some short-comings in his game that if addressed, I'm sure would help to push the Clippers over the top. McInnis doesn't look to involve himself in the offense nearly as much as he could—and that is going to end up hurting the team in the long run. He's been better as of late in trying to "get his" on the offensive end of the floor, but he generally doesn't look to shoot the ball unless he has to. For those of you who have been here at Laurentian for a few years, this is the same mentality that was possessed by Anthony "Tito" Malcolm, Roan Biggs, and

until last year Leon "Trigz" Sutton. This mentality makes life easier for opposing teams as they can freely double-team off of McInnis, since they know that he's not going to shoot the ball. How do you remedy that? Bring in a new body.

But who? You would need to find a proven point guard who is offensive-minded, defensively-sound, young enough to blend in with the Clippers' youth movement, yet old enough to bring some veteran leadership to the club. I've discussed this with some people, and in an ideal world, the Clippers would deal Jeff McInnis and a draft pick to Houston for Rockets point guard STEVE FRANCIS. Stevie Franchise would be a perfect fit in L.A., his style of play, and swagger on the court "reek of awesomeness". But despite all of this, I know that the Rockets would never part with their cornerstone.

That much having been said, only one name comes to mind—isn't that right Derek?

Nick "The Quick" Van Exel is the only man that could be brought into L.A. to immediately right the good ship Clippers. Right now, Van Exel is the second point guard on a stacked Dallas Mavericks squad. Based on the numbers that he's posted this year, Nick the Quick should have been named (if not voted) an All-Star. However, being stuck in Denver killed any hope of that happening. For Van Exel to make his return to L.A. would mean



a fresh start for a true starting point guard. He'd have his own team to run, he takes his share of shots (thus forcing other teams to play him honestly), and most importantly, he'd be on a winning team (providing him with a chance to return to the All-Star game). Nick loves to play run-and-gun basketball, as was evidenced by his first stop in L.A. with the Lakers. Add to all of this that Van Exel has forgone the final two years of his previous contract, and you can see that all the pieces fall into place.

Yet it remains to be seen. A lot of this speculation remains just that when the Clippers make the playoffs this year. Depending on how far they advance, this team may in fact change or remain the same. In the words of a smart man: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it".

Madness , Mayhem and a Whole Lotta Ball

by Danny Raymond
Contributor

Yes the madness has begun and what a tourney it has been thus far. If you love upsets there has been no disappointments yet, with top seeds like Duke and Cincinnati being ousted by 5th and 8th ranked seeds. That's just the tip of the iceberg. Let's take a look at the biggest upsets of the tourney.

The first round was jam packed with surprises, none bigger than Gonzaga's loss to Wyoming. The Bulldogs were frustrated with their rather low 6th seed, but I guess the selection committee knew something we didn't. Also ousted in the first round were a handful of 5 and 7 seeds including Miami, Marquette,

Florida and Oklahoma St. The best games in the first round were probably the Kent State-Oklahoma and Miami- Missouri match-ups.

Round 2 was nothing short of mayhem as well, seeing first seed Cincinnati go down to the UCLA Bruins and Missouri again upsetting the higher seeded team, this time the victim being Ohio St. 2nd seeded Alabama took an early trip home at the hands of the Kent State Golden Flashes. Other big games were Kentucky beating out Tulsa, or my favorite Southern Illinois (or So Ill, as I like to call them) taking out Georgia.

Probably the biggest shocker of them all came in the third round

when the powerhouse they call Duke lost to the Hoosiers of Indiana. But now the final four is set, with Indiana, Oklahoma, Maryland and Kansas all set to tip off on March 30th. Many believe that the winner of the Kansas-Maryland game will prevail, as they should with the big names of Drew Gooden, Chris Wilcox, Nick Collison, and Juan Dixon, but my sleeper pick for the big win is Indiana (although I never gave them a chance in my brackets). It would be fitting seeing as they dethroned last year's champs and after the whole Bobby Knight affair, it would be Hoosier-esque if you will. Go Memphis Tigers!!!!!!

"Cruptors" By The Numbers

by Jason Andrade
Sports Editor

Yeah, I know that I had promised you all an interview piece with Coaches Campbell and Hill for this week's Lambda, but due to unforeseen medical issues, the interviews were not possible. Instead, let's take a look at "everyone's favorite team", no matter how wrong you are.

0-Is the number of teams in NBA history to lose more than 13 games in a row and still go on to win the NBA title in the same season.

1-Is the number of calendar months between the most recent Toronto Cruptors wins. Coincidentally, it is also the length of the Cruptors most recent WIN streak-before yet another untimely attack by "The Assassin" T-Mac.

2-Is for the second option which doesn't exist in Toronto. Yeah, it's true that AD has played big in the last couple of games, but there's no consistency. In order for this team to get over the hump, someone is going to have to pick up Wince's slack on the regular.

6-Is the number of games that the Cruptors currently sit below .500.

10-Is the position that the Toronto Cruptors currently hold in the Eastern Conference playoff race. If they're in tenth place, and 1.5 games out of the eighth spot, who's ahead of the Cruptors in the ninth spot? Remember a team called the Miami Heat? Remember when everyone had written them off as far as this year? What does that say about your beloved Cruptors? That's what I thought.

13-Is in fact the number of consecutive losses that the Cruptors have incurred this season. Included in that 13 are losses to teams that even the Cruptors shouldn't lose to: Knicks, Cavaliers, Rockets.

15-Who else do you think I'd blame??

16-Is the number of games that the Toronto Cruptors have left to get their heads out of their asses.

17-Is the number of points that the Cruptors were ahead of the Houston Rockets IN THE FOURTH QUARTER before relinquishing the lead and the game on their own home court.

The last number that we look at this week is 2. I could have put it into this article a little earlier, as I'm sure that you can see that we are going in numerical order. The thing is, the 2 represents the length of the Cruptors current losing streak. There's just no telling how far it will go.

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David Koresh and the Branch Davidians

The world watched in awe and gruesome fascination as the fifty-one day stand-off between the FBI and the Branch Davidians of Waco, Texas ended in a deadly blaze on Monday, April 19th, 1993. Four American federal agents and eighty Branch Davidians, including twenty-one children and leader David Koresh were killed and several others were injured.



David Koresh was portrayed in the media as an "evil messiah" who abused his followers both physically and sexually. Given the escalating hysteria and tension surrounding the armed stand-off, it was easy to paint the Branch Davidians as the stereotypical cult; dangerous, mistreating children, and demonically bent on violence and destruction.

In point of fact, Koresh was deeply committed to biblical scripture. He knew the Bible inside and out and was firm on his own interpretation of the scripture. Koresh, and subsequently his followers, were well aware of the fact that he would "die in battle". It was of course necessary for his martyrdom and to fulfill his prophecy about the end of the world.

Koresh believed that this final battle would take place in 1995 in Israel, not in Waco, Texas in 1993. Throughout the ordeal at the Mount Carmel compound, Koresh expressed hope for a peaceful end to the stand-off. He claimed he could not surrender until he had heard "the word of God" tell him what to do. The FBI saw this as a ploy to buy more time and manipulate them. Federal agents grew tired and stormed the compound.

The appeal of Koresh to his followers, most of whom were plucked from the Adventist movement, was his innate talent for revealing the truth about biblical scripture. He focused intense personal attention on each new recruit. Many members claimed that they learned more about the Bible in three hours with Koresh than they had in a lifetime of studying scripture on their own.

As one member stated about Koresh, "He'd say 'what is it that you want? More Bible study?' and everyone would run and get their Bibles and come down. We might sit there for 15, 19, 10 or 6 hours. It would depend. It was never a bore. He could have been a professional entertainer, the best this world has ever seen. He would have us in stitches. We'd sit there for hours. It was great being around him."

There was a darker side to David Koresh. He advocated the stockpiling of many weapons, in preparation for the apocalypse. He was also a polygamist; his several wives all bearing his children. No one else in the group was permitted to have any sexual relations. His children were to hold a sacred position in the Kingdom of God that would be established in Israel. Cult members actually believed that "David was shouldering that burden for us", in reference to the burden of having sex, even with their own spouses.

Whether the fatal incident at the Mount Carmel compound in Waco, Texas was the result of poor judgement on the part of the US Federal agents or the result of deviant, maniacal behavior of a religious cult, or both, we may never know. But the fact remains that several people died needlessly and the dangers of a cult should be understood, not over-estimated or underestimated.

Oprah Winfrey

Probably one of the best known, as most loved television personalities of the 1980's, 1990's and now the new millennium. Oprah has quickly moved from harmless television talk show host to probably the most powerful cult leader in history. Not based on religion at all, the cult that Oprah leads is more interested in inner-growth and a better understanding of themselves, all the while doing the bidding of the Oprah.

It was when Oprah took control of her television show, under the clever guise of Harpo Productions (Oprah backwards) that she gained her power. Instead of bringing hemaphroditic lesbian midget nuns to the masses every week, she began her campaign of 'feeling'.

Her power was shown on national television a few times, but none as shocking as when she actually made herself skinny, pulling a cart full off the fat she supposedly lost. Fans and followers alike were astounded and they all vowed to lose weight. Quickly after this Oprah had control over almost one quarter of the world's food consumption telling people what they could and couldn't eat all the while ballooning up and down more than the Goodyear blimp.

Oprah quickly moved into mind control by making followers keep dream journals, forgiveness journals and to-do books, along with every other human emotion, now turned into a short story or full length novel. Seeing how many books her followers had, Oprah decided to tell them what to read, starting her supposedly harmless Oprah Book Club. Suddenly bookstores were swamped with orders for out-of-print books that would have never been read if not for the mind control of Oprah.

Oprah has now opened her own publishing house, started her own magazine (always showing only Oprah on the cover), held personal empowerment seminars where people pay big money to see her speak live, and her show has now spawned new generals in her powerful cult including the father-figure Dr. Phil.

Oprah recently chose the date 2006 to end her televised talk show. Analysis shows that by this time Oprah will control the televisions and minds of every other woman in the world. Many do not understand the power that Oprah has over her followers until it is too late and they are in her audience crying like a baby because they wronged someone when they were three and they never apologized to them. Women are the most susceptible to the mind control of Oprah, but men recently have begun to fall for her powers.

There may be no end to her campaign of terror, but as long as there are some people out there with a mind of their own, Oprah will never control the entire population!

Christian Science

This cult explosion was the pet project of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy. She claimed to be following biblical scripture and she believed that it had been so badly distorted by human error and the 'mortal mind' that she alone had been inspired by God to give its correct interpretation. Her interpretation was called Science and Health and led to the birth of Christian Science.

According to Mrs. Eddy, one must never, ever try to read the Bible without her "Key to the Scriptures". Reading without her guide to scripture was liable to confuse and corrupt her followers. There simply was no possible understanding of the Bible unless it was through Mary Baker Eddy's interpretation. In fact, Mrs. Eddy claimed that before her, no one had understood God's message in the Bible. Christian Scientists were taught to memorize all of Mrs. Eddy's writings, but never to memorize the Bible. They were also taught that her writings actually were the second-coming of Christ. Mrs. Eddy was to be revered above Jesus, it was she who was the Leader and it was she, and only she, that understood God's message. Strict controls were in place so that none of her followers ever read any other relevant material or ever read the bible without her Key to the Scriptures. The reason for this was very simple. She didn't want any of her followers to know that she had plagiarized her ideas and writings from various sources.

In 1861, her first husband brought her to a famous hypnotist and spiritualist who could cure her condition as an invalid. Phineas Parhurst Quimby brought Mary Baker Eddy back to health. In turn, she repaid him by stealing his philosophical teachings, combining them with ideas from "The Metaphysical Religion of Hegel" by Francis Lieber, and teachings from Reverend Hugh Blain, as well as several other minor sources. She copied verbatim 33 pages from Lieber, including over 100 pages in substance. All of her teachings were stolen and based on the Eastern Mysticism associated with Hinduism. She taught that there was no sin, no hell, and that death is an illusion. There is no need to be concerned with salvation because everyone will live eternally whether or not they believed in Jesus. Jesus was just a man who was a perfect example of how to live your life. One could not even use medicine or doctors because matter wasn't real anyway and those things only took you farther away from God.

In her final years, Mrs. Eddy's health deteriorated to such a bad state that she was in constant pain and completely immobile. She didn't even believe her own rhetoric and relied heavily on morphine to endure through her pain. This was a woman determined to have and maintain absolute power over her followers. She exploited their need for religious security and knowledge by cheating and lying about everything. She forced her followers to revere her above anyone else and rigidly controlled everything that they believed in. Unfortunately for those who dedicated their whole lives to her, she was a complete and utter sham.



Unification Church

One of the most controversial and profitable cults operating in the world today has been Sun Myung Moon's Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, more commonly known as the Unification Church. It was with this cult that the phenomenon of brainwashing and deprogramming really came to the forefront in cult criticisms.

Founded in Korea in 1954, the Unification church eventually grew and expanded into many countries of the world. It now owns valuable property and a large number of businesses throughout the world including; movie studios, recording companies, and publishing companies. They sponsor performing arts and international conferences for academics. The Unification Church is a monster international conglomerate that has its fingers in many different jars.

Moon developed the church theology, known as the Divine principle, which is a special interpretation of Old and New Testaments with additional revelations which Moon claims to have received. Not only does the Unification church have guiding rules about religion, it also has rules on just about every aspect of life.

Core members usually live in church centers and work full time for the movement. Most followers work on the street selling literature, flowers or other goods for extended periods of time. All of their earnings are turned over to the church. This fund-raising is used to further the influence and economic power of the church and of Sun Myung Moon, known as The Father to his followers.

Moon chooses marriage partners for his followers and often performs mass wedding ceremonies in which hundreds and even thousands of couples are wed at the same time. Many of these people don't even know who their spouses are, but wed anyway because it is the will of the Father. The last mass marriage ceremony was televised on international TV.

Some of the brainwashing techniques that Moon has been accused of include; love-bombing in which there is constant affection and touching between groups of people, sleep deprivation, protein withdrawal, sugar-buzzing in which blood-sugar levels are increased to create muddled brain activity, repetitive lectures, familiar music with "restored" lyrics, and other seemingly innocent but insidious devices. The extent to which these accusations are true still remains in question.

Other Infamous Cults

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ScIENTOLOGY: Your Unfriendly Neighborhood Cash Grab

by Jimmy MacLeod
Contributor

"Scientology is quite likely the most ruthless, the most classically terroristic, the most litigious and the most lucrative cult the country has ever seen. No cult extracts more money from its members."

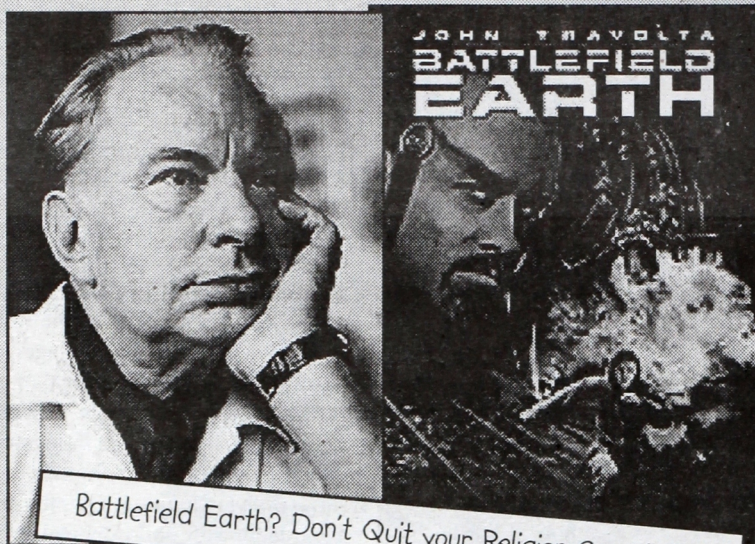
-Cynthia Kisser, Head of the Cult Awareness Network Before the Church of Scientology Bought It

When you think of Scientology, you think of moronic celebrities like John Travolta and Tom Cruise dumping truckloads of cash into a religion that looks like nothing more than a big, fat tax write-off. Sadly, this largely seems to be the widespread, mainstream image that Scientology has managed to wrangle itself, portraying itself as a well-meaning but somewhat expensive way of living. However, nothing could be further from the truth, as a trickle of rambling complaints and bizarre coincidences would gradually spill over into a torrent of lawsuits and journalistic tirades that would expose the highly controversial practices at the heart of the Scientological empire.

In the Beginning...

It all started with a man named L. Ron Hubbard, a science fiction writer who had served time in the Navy during World War II. Having found moderate success in the field of pulp fiction, Hubbard composed "Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health" in 1950. Although it seemed little more than a questionable take on psychotherapy at the time, it would eventually prove to be one of the very cornerstones of Scientology belief. In this text, Hubbard proposed the creation of a device known as an "E-meter", which was to be used in a process of "auditing" an unhappy individual. Unhappiness, he explained, was caused by mental abnormalities called "engrams", which were created by trauma in one's earlier life, and could be removed during auditing - that is to say, if someone were to discuss their past while attached to the E-meter. Hubbard found this concept drawing such a following that, over the years, he added more and more steps to the cleansing process, each more costly than the last. Eventually, he added a belief structure and declared his creation to be a scientifically and medically sound way of life, embodied as the Church of Scientology, and applied in the early '60s for tax exemption for his overwhelmingly financially successful endeavor.

This ended in 1967, and when a federal court declared Hubbard's "audits" to be without sufficient medical or scientific basis, he converted his system to a full-out religion. When the IRS decided to take a peek at Scientology's books, they discovered that Hubbard himself had been funneling nearly 200 million of the Church's money through fake offshore companies into Swiss bank accounts; however, before tax fraud prosecution could begin in 1986,



Hubbard died. Though the Church managed to hide such information prior to their leader's demise, it was later revealed through de-classified FBI documents and a variety of lawsuits that Hubbard was classified by the government as "mentally unstable", a "compulsive liar", that he had been a drug addict who was charged for torturing and beating his wife, an adulterer, and that he had been diagnosed countless times as a paranoid schizophrenic who should be institutionalized (which would explain his hatred of psychiatrists).

As It Stands Now

As stated by Hubbard, the cult still has as its base idea the cleansing of one's body via the use of E-meters, even today, fifty years after its initiation. However, the cost for such a cleansing can run in the thousands (in 1991, auditing cost \$1000 per hour), and doing so will only clear but a small portion of your problems. In fact, the initial set is just a lure that leads its members through "the Bridge": a set of teachings and processes that members must go through in order to achieve "true enlightenment", all of which costs exorbitant amounts of money. To help pay for these ridiculously expensive processes (see sidebar), new recruits - "raw meat", according to Hubbard - are encouraged to bring in new members, or to sign themselves over to the church in contracts to the tune of "a billion years" of labor. In fact, Hubbard's memos to Church officials says to "Make sure that lots of bodies move through the shop." If there was ever any doubt about the true beliefs of this cult, consider the following excerpt from another Hubbard memo: "Make money. Make more money. Make others produce so as to make money... However you get them in or why, just do it." In 1987 alone, the Church made \$503 million; since then, enrollment has jumped, though critics agree that it runs to about 50,000, and not quite to the "8 million" status that they claim.

The Big, Big, Big Secret

The biggest possible secret that a Scientologist could learn, after having paid hundreds of thousands of dollars of course, is to learn the true nature of the E-meters, and what "engrams" truly are. As stated in the "Who is Xenu?" Anti-Scientology leaflet:

"Once upon a time (75 million years ago to be more precise) there was an alien galactic ruler named Xenu. Xenu was in charge of all the planets in this part of the galaxy including our own planet Earth, except in those days it was called Teegeeeack.

Now Xenu had a problem. All of the 76 planets he controlled were overpopulated. Each planet had on average 178 billion people. He wanted to get rid of all the overpopulation so he had a plan.

Xenu took over complete control with the help of renegades to defeat the good people and the Loyal Officers. Then with the help of psychiatrists he called in billions of people for income tax inspections where they were instead given injections of alcohol and glycol mixed to paralyze them. Then they were put into space planes that looked exactly like DC8s (except they had rocket motors instead of propellers).

These DC8 space planes then flew to planet Earth where the paralyzed people were stacked around the bases of volcanoes in their hundreds of billions. When they had finished stacking them around then H-bombs were lowered into the volcanoes. Xenu then detonated all the H-bombs at the same time and everyone was killed.

The story doesn't end there though. Since everyone has a soul (called a "thetan" in this story) then you have to trick souls into not coming back again. So while the hundreds of billions of souls were being blown around by the nuclear winds he had special electronic traps that caught all the souls in electronic beams (the electronic beams were sticky like fly-paper).

After he had captured all these souls he had them packed into boxes and taken to a few huge cinemas. There all the souls had to spend days watching special 3D motion pictures that told them what life should be like and many confusing things. In this film they were shown false pictures and told they were God, The Devil and Christ. In the story this process is called "implanting".

When the films ended and the souls left the cinema these souls started to stick together because since they had all seen the same film they thought they were the same people. They clustered in groups of a few thousand. Now because there were only a few living bodies left they

stayed as clusters and inhabited these bodies.

As for Xenu, the Loyal Officers finally overthrew him and they locked him away in a mountain on one of the planets. He is kept in by a force-field powered by an eternal battery and Xenu is still alive today."

Around the time of his death, Hubbard was subsisting on a diet of "pinks and blues", consumed with his own visions, obsessed with ridding his body of "thetans".

Enemies of The Church

In his years as head of the Church, Hubbard was particularly concerned about the organization's image, and how to respond to "suppressive *", as the official doctrines referred to anyone that dared to speak negatively about the group. In order to ensure maximum possible compliance with the Church's views, Hubbard initiated a policy entitled "Fair Game", which states that anyone perceived to be an enemy "may be deprived of property or injured by any means by any Scientologist", and that said person "may be tricked, sued or lied to or destroyed." This is almost always accomplished by a blitz of bad publicity, misinterpreted facts as well as flat-out lies focused against the detractor so as to discredit them, thus rendering their opinions invalid in the public's eyes, or as Hubbard himself put it, "depolarizing the enemy to a point of total obliteration." To this end, Hubbard amassed a colossal intelligence-gathering network, culminating in the creation of the Office of Special Affairs (OSA), which a 1991 article in Time claimed rivaled even that of the FBI itself. On countless occasions, agents of the OSA - almost always Scientology members themselves - have been convicted of major federal crimes; one such incident includes a top-level mission in which a number of members, including Hubbard's own wife, were sent to jail for attempting to break into a publicly prominent detractor's home for the purpose of stealing intelligence info, planting damning evidence, and to wire the residence with a number of bugs. This is even without going into detail about how they deal with doubts within their own ranks: any member who is deemed to be "a potential threat" can be sent off to high-inescapable Scientology-run slave-labor camps, or confined in

The rise of the Internet has also brought Scientology's fight to the virtual forum, as they threaten any Internet Service Provider who dares to host any anti-Scientology literature, threats that they very gladly carry through in the form of million-dollar lawsuits. In fact, it's been shown that the Church's goal is not to actually squeeze money out of their targets, but to "bury them with so much paperwork and litigation" that they'll either give up or that supporting their lawyers will cause them to go bankrupt. In recent decades, the Church has moved into the realm of house raids as well as legally questionable search-and-seizures carried about Scientology members, all committed while the target is away.

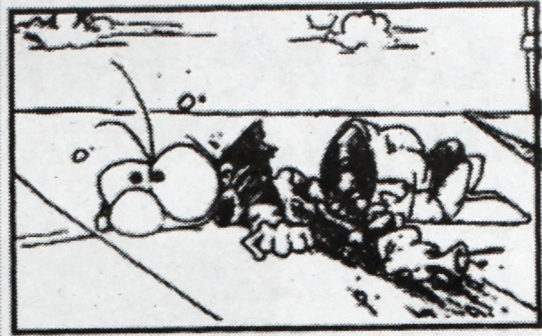
The Paulette Cooper Case

This sort of thing has long since been standard procedure, though it was perhaps most perfectly exemplified with the Paulette Cooper case. Paulette Cooper was an author looking to publish an incredibly damning book about Scientology, and thus set herself up to be the subject of Operation Freakout, which sought not only to discredit her, but also to drive her insane and to have her sent to jail. To this end, the Church hired a look-alike to march into a public library and type up a bomb threat to Henry Kissinger on the library typewriter. Then, they would seek to drug Paulette so as to be able to place her fingerprints on the document, and to plant various bugs around her apartment. Naturally, they followed this up by using the look-alike to travel around town, spouting anti-Semitic dogma so as to attract negative attention and potential lawsuits against her. That wasn't all; they also attempted to drive her insane using pervasive psychological warfare that included phoning in death threats and having confidence tricksters to worm their way into living with her. They even arranged to have a man with unloaded gun to knock on her door, who, upon her having answered, pointed it at her face and dry-fired. Despite this endless harassment, Paulette nevertheless managed to have her book published, though her name wasn't completely cleared until an FBI raid of the L.A. Scientology quarters in the early '80s revealed a treasure trove of Church counter-attack doctrines, including the Operation Freakout plans. It was this raid that also turned up that the Church had stolen numerous IRS and federal documents in the hopes of "erasing all trace of the Church's suspicious dealings", and that Church-sponsored harassment, framing, kidnapping, and even murder were all authorized procedures.

The End?

Even after having been banned or prosecuted by Australia, Greece, Egypt, Germany, Norway, Sweden and France, the Church of Scientology still stands strong on the global stage, using its almost limitless sources of cash and its terroristic tactics to either prosecute its detractors into financial oblivion or to ruin them completely. With such obvious tactics, it's highly questionable how it could possibly attract such high-profile and highly outspoken supporters as John Travolta, Tom Cruise, Kirstie Alley, Jenna Elfman, and Nancy Cartwright (that's the voice of Bart Simpson for you heathens). (Side note: Scream star Jamie Kennedy is Hubbard's own great-great grandson, but persists in referring to the creator of Scientology as his "meglomaniacal psychotic cuckoo for cocoa puffs great-grandfather.") Whatever their reason for joining, it's important that you understand what you're up against.

Scraping
Brainwashed,
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Cult-Style Roadkill
Off the Information
Superhighway



by Nick Stewart
Assistant Editor

Cult Construction Kit <http://www.fadetoblack.com/cultkit/>

Have you ever wanted to lead your own band of followers but just haven't had the time or the know-how to come up with believable support for your wacky beliefs? If so, then this site is for you! Using this simple and straightforward list that even a power-hungry person driven mad with lust for power and really snazzy pants could fill out, you'll be given the ammo you need to sway the unbelievers and ensure that your chosen few remain under your wing! For instance, you're asked to choose from a list what type of practice your cult supports; if you pick "slam dancing", you're given the Biblical passage of 2 Samuel 6-14, "And David danced before the LORD with all [his] might; and David [was] girded with a linen ephod." If you choose O.J. Simpson as your cult's messiah, you'll be given a ton of biblical support. It is said, for example, that the messiah, much like O.J., will "be despised by the people", Psalm 22-6. Or, Kato Kaelin as well as Rosa Lopez and other friends of OJ testified against him fulfilling the prophecy of Psalm 41-9 "Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up [his] heel against me." If that wasn't enough, you're also provided with some parting passages that can be used to defend your cult against anyone who would label your proclamations as crap, such as Luke 2:50, "But they did not understand the significance of these words." Thanks to the Wonders of the Web, powers of textual manipulation previously only available to freaks is now free to YOU!

Figure Skaters for Christ <http://fsfc.tripod.com/index.html>

I actually wouldn't advise you or anyone you know to visit this hunk of smoldering crap. I just included it because the title is so easy to laugh at.

Raelian HQ www.rael.org

Yes, I know, you've learned the basics of the lovely Raelian religion from the oh-so-immaculately written article in the Feature section of this very issue, but the fact is that it would take much more than a simple article to cover the depth and breadth of the lunacy — er, I mean, brilliance — that is this bizarre and hippie-centric cult. This is where the website comes in, helping to fill in some of the blanks as the leaders show you some of their hilarious beliefs in their own words. Through this site, you can read all about our alien creators, cloning, telepathy, interstellar war, free love and much, much more through a series of press releases, summaries, and even within a few interviews with Rael himself. There's also a handful of audio clips and interviews, including a couple excerpts of his interview on the Art Bell radio show — and for those of you who've never heard of the guy, Art Bell is the Jerry Springer of the conspiracy world. You can also learn about some of their "crusades", which include attempts to sue the Pope and to boycott anything made by France (so I guess they're not ALL bad). Classic stuff from the clone-lovers themselves. For added laughs, check out clonaid.com and ufoland.com.

David Icke <http://www.davidicke.com/>

If you thought that it wasn't possible to get much loonier than the Raelians, allow me to introduce you to the raving pile of delusion-fueled hilarity that is David Icke. As far as I can tell, Mr. Icke was a regular sports commentator for British television before he went completely and utterly insane. One minute, he's taking his kid out for a walk; the next, he's hearing voices ("the voices of enlightenment", naturally), having visions and developing a series of completely barny beliefs. It's all downhill from there, ladies and gentlemen. He's since done four books and six videos that explain all the frothingly mad details of "the truth" as he sees it, which seem to revolve around the fact that humankind is being controlled by shape-shifting lizards from the 4th dimension which have set themselves in positions of power around the world. With such a wonderful core belief as that, he also manages to drive off an amazingly long set of spin-off beliefs that also include the facts that Hitler was a Rothschild, that Mormons practice human sacrifice, and that Canada is the most "mind-controlled country on the planet", though this last one stems from the fact that he's supremely bitter over being labeled — correctly — as a "hate-monger" and an "anti-Semite" by the national press. Still, the guy's so out of his tree that you can't help but get a kick out of his lunacy, as exemplified in such articles as "The Color 'Turquoise' Will Save the World" and "A Day at the Dentist" (seriously). And, as is the case with all lunatics, he just won't shut up, so you can spend hours upon hours sifting through his anti-reptilian ravings.

How To Become A Cult Leader

by Matt Kent
Acting Features Editor

Find an Unused Religion

First, make up something totally ridiculous, like Schumbalak the Toilet Goddess. You've got to be devoted though. Set up a shrine or something devoted to your god; for example, if you are going to use Schumbalak, set up candles and incense around your crapper.

Create Your Beliefs

You have to lure the followers in, so you gotta come up with something good. Start with how Schumbalak was born out of the waste of one of the angels, then go from there. Be creative. If you get stuck, just mooch off of other religions; I have yet to see a Bible with a copyright notice in it. The more outlandish, the better, but if your creation finishes with the end of the world, you're not creative enough. Maybe the god could rise up and save us all from colo-rectal cancer.

Get Followers

You need people to believe your teachings, otherwise you're just some crazy guy at the street corner. Look for the mentally unstable, emotionally unstable, or anyone who doesn't seem to be all there. The use of visual aids can be very useful at this stage. Try to perform a miracle or two. You'd be amazed at what Americans will believe.

Draw Attention

Get the public's attention, stage protests, kidnap someone important and threaten to sacrifice them to your god if you don't get tax exempt status. Stockpiling weapons is a great way to get their attention but be careful how you go about it. If the cops come by, don't start shooting, unless that's your technique for getting more attention.

Make Your Statement

Mass suicide seems to be the way to go, but you've got to plan it right. Do it in plain view of a lot of people. The more the better. Go to that big lake/pond/pool thing by the Washington monument, cover yourself in potassium, and fling yourself into the water. Get everyone to do this and you'll have a hell of a statement. Or better yet, get poisoned Kool-aid, but give it to someone else, like, say, by providing free drinks for the Westminster dog show. That ought to get their attention. That's about the most you can do, because not too many people make it past this last step. If you do go beyond it, you may consider hiding out, as society tends to not be all that pleased when things like this happen.



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Return of the Clone Rangers

Raelianism and You

by Norzon 'the Seedless'
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Although it's important to mention the likes of David Koresh, Heaven's Gate and the rest of the Whack Pack, no discussion about the world of cults would truly be complete without covering the Clown Prince of Cultism, Rael, and his perfectly hilarious worshippers of all things extra-terrestrial. Yeap, that's right, disbelievers: the religion known as Raelianism is based very solidly on the belief that mankind was not created by the likes of God, but that it was whipped together in some intergalactic lab by those lovely green-skinned, large-headed types you see in the tabloids. And that's not all...

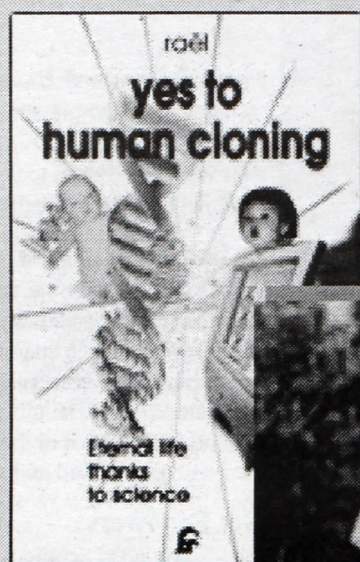
Introduction

It all started one cold December morning in 1973, when a former race car magazine editor named Claude Vorhillon was wandering the hills of central southern France. Before he could return to his daily business, he found himself approached by an extra-terrestrial wearing a protective spacesuit who would then inform him of his duty to the human race. During this fateful meeting, the alien revealed to Claude that the union of his parents had been engineered by his extra-terrestrial creators, and that he was chosen long before his birth to be the Last and Final Prophet before the Apocalypse. As there was much more to impart to the budding religious leader, the extra-terrestrial decided to split up his crucial teachings to an hour a day for the following five days, during which the alien would reveal the truths behind their history, exactly how they had created the Bible, how the Church had severely misinterpreted their writings and that people were consequently not living how their true creators had intended.

1. The Truth Behind the Bible

Hundreds of thousands of years ago, a race of technologically advanced aliens known as the Elohim began creating life in their homeworld's laboratories. Eventually, their scientific efforts led to the creation of dinosaur-like monsters which escaped their captivity and wreaked massive amounts of destruction, killing untold amounts of Elohim and generally bringing down property values in posh Elohim neighborhoods. Naturally, this destruction could not go unanswered, and the Elohim government decreed that the scientists would no longer be allowed to carry out their experiments on the homeworld, thus forcing further life-creation efforts to be conducted on other planets. After much debate and consumption of alien coffee, they settled on a barren hunk of rock known as Earth. Although the creation of various forms of plant and animal life was well-received by the Elohim government, the alien scientists' successful attempts at creating humans was met with fear. Believing that these humans could conceivably reach the same level of technological advancement as their own kind, the Elohim government-types ordered this new creation to be destroyed. The scientists refused, and a full-out war initiated between the eggheads and the Elohim politicians (or "Satan", as they're referred to in the Bible).

Since the Church horribly misunderstood "Elohim" to mean "God" instead of "Those Who Come From the Sky", a vast number of facts were warped and twisted throughout the years, and have led to a mind-



Rael the Leader and two of his book available online at the Raelian Virtual Bookstore... soon to be on the Oprah Book Club Selection list!

bogglingly huge number of altered facts. For starters, you can observe numerous references to the Elohim scientist-government war throughout the Bible if you look carefully enough. Noah's Ark, for example, was in fact a spaceship that the scientists put forth to protect people from nuclear missiles sent to Earth by the Elohim government. Additionally, the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah - which, incidentally, were centers of enlightenment and knowledge rather than the pits o' sin they are known to be - were meted out by even more Elohim government-sponsored nukes, which is why Lot's wife appeared to turn to "salt".

And of course, there's no ignoring the whole "Jesus" thing. His mother, Mary, was chosen, willingly abducted and impregnated by the Elohim so that her son would be able to inherit the Elohim's telepathic abilities and could become a prophet for their cause. As a result, all of Jesus' "miracles" were in fact gifts from his Elohim fathers. That's right, they used telepathic group hypnosis to amaze his throngs of crowds, concentrated lasers to heal his patients, and focused anti-gravity beams on his feet to help him walk across water. Even his famed "multiplication of bread" was accomplished through the Elohim's gift of synthetic dehydrated food. And yes, his death was allowed by the Elohim, along with Jesus' own permission, while his temporary resurrection was accomplished via the cloning of some of his former cells.

As if that wasn't enough to blow the lid off the Bible, Claude was also taught that Samson was a telepathist, Jonah was swallowed by a submarine and not a whale, the siege of Jericho was accomplished via super-sonic waves, the Israelites were cannibals, the Ark of the Covenant was actually a nuclear-powered communication device, and that angels were in fact spacesuit-wearing Elohim, where what were perceived to be "wings" were actually jet-packs.

2. Raelian Beliefs and Concepts

After telling him on the fifth and final day to change his name to Rael and to teach the world what he had been shown, the Elohim left him, only to return two years later. During this second visit, they invited Rael to return to their home planet so that he could see the ideal way of living, in accordance with the Elohim

way. Upon his return, Rael revealed a wide number of things, not the least of which include the following:

- Mankind must come together and put aside our political and ideological differences so that we may build an embassy to officially welcome the Elohim to Earth and to introduce them to our world leaders. At this meeting - and only at this meeting - the Elohim will then share their boundless technology with us. At this time, they will bring with them a clone of each major prophet, including Jesus, Mohammed and Buddha (the originals, of course, were all sent by them).

- Society must be pushed towards enlightenment, which can only be accomplished by awakening the body, and by "body", they mean "hormones". It is for this purpose that the Elohim taught Rael different techniques for "sensual meditation". Although few people outside the religion (except of course for those who purchased the Sensual Meditation Manual) are aware what exactly this may constitute, there are a few hints out there. For instance, if you wish to participate in "group sensual meditation" at the Raelian camps, you're asked to have yourself tested for sexually transmitted diseases and to have a working knowledge of condoms and birth control aids.

- People must act in a totally peaceful and non-violent manner, and demonstrate respect towards all living things...except when it comes to sports, in which case people are encouraged to be as brutally violent as they possibly can. On the Elohim homeworld, children are encouraged to kill each other in sporting events in order to vent their violent urges.

- There is no such thing as "evolution". All creatures, including humans, are gradually improved in Elohim laboratories and replace their inferior versions on Earth. Or, in other words, everyone and everything is "upgraded".

- Telepathy is possible to anyone, provided they allow their hair to grow long enough. Hair is a telepathic organ, and chopping it off is not only frowned upon by the Elohim creators, but doing so also inhibits one's abilities to communicate telepathically.

- Apart from creating an embassy for the

Elohim masters, gaining the ability to successfully clone human beings is a driving goal for the Raelians. The Creators hold this as a way to ensure eternal life, enabling one to live forever by transferring consciousness from one's dying body to a clone of a healthier, younger body. The drive to achieve this goal has led to the creation of clone-related companies such as InsuraClone, OvulAid, as well as ClonaPet, where you can pay vast sums of money to retain a genetic sample of your pet, enabling you to have it cloned upon its demise. More importantly, however, it has also led to the creation of ClonAid, which holds the same values of ClonaPet, only with the goal of being able to create clones of human beings. Though it might sound like a joke, this very company has led to the emergence of the Raelian community in the American media, as Rael himself appeared in front of the U.S. Congress last year to discuss the value of cloning and clone-related laws. This plan backfired, however, when the U.S. government decided to investigate the ClonAid facilities, and subsequently banned their work from taking place on American soil. ClonAid has since attempted to sue the government for this ban, without success.

On a related note, it has been revealed that eventually humankind will no longer even require bodies, instead being able to maintain consciousness within computers.

3. The Apocalypse

According to Rael, the Earth as we know it will soon come to an end, though the exact reason why remains shrouded in alien mystery. When the world is destroyed and everyone dies in horrible, horrible ways, the Elohim will use their advanced technology to re-create humans who are deemed worthy enough to live on the Homeworld.

In order to determine who is worthy of being "resurrected" via cloning, the Elohim use complex machinery to detect human brainwaves which are then recorded and stored for further reference. In essence, they read and record every single thought that ever popped into every head that ever saw the light of day. After the Apocalypse, the Elohim will use this "thought log" to re-create clones of productive and well-meaning humans, while those who were evil will be cloned so that they may be tortured for all eternity.

Conclusion

Well, there you have it: a Beginner's Guide to Raelianism, Version 3.0. Of course, this barely scratches the surface of the entire Raelianism phenomenon; there's tons more insanity to be found in the bowels of this particular cult. Between the cloning, extra-terrestrial war and telepathy, this is probably one of the single most creative and interesting cults out there, if only for the entire sci-fi, "bad episode of Doctor Who" edge to it. And if that wasn't enough wackiness for you, consider the fact that Rael has used the financial support that poured in from his supporters to become a professional race car driver, even going so far as competing in Daytona. A unique cult if ever there was one; after all, how many religions have blonde jokes in their newsletter, or openly profess to have "the fastest religious leader on the planet"?

You're A Looney Boy, Charlie Manson

by Matt Kent
Acting Cultist

Who would think that someone with a cute and non-threatening name like Charlie would be so messed up? Well, if your mom was a sixteen-year-old runaway prostitute, then the odds aren't in your favour. Unsurprisingly, Charles Manson never knew his father, taking his last name from a man to whom his mother was briefly married. He was taken from her when she and her brother were arrested for armed robbery, and when she was released, she was considered unfit to care for him. As a result, he ended up being shuffled from home to home, and at the age of 9, he was sent to reform school for stealing. From here a long life of crime began, trusting in no one and only being helpful to those from whom he felt he could obtain something. When he was finally released in 1954 at the age of nineteen, he seemed to be headed back onto the straight and narrow. He met a waitress who bore him a son and worked at various low-paying jobs, supplementing his income by stealing cars. Eventually, he ended up in prison when he was caught driving one of those cars.

He spent three years in jail and his wife divorced him. When he was released, he took up the job that any red-blooded American would do in his situation: he became a pimp! He was arrested not one year later for trying to cash a stolen U.S. Treasury check for \$37.50. This time a female friend of Manson's pretending to be pregnant pleaded with the judge to keep him out of jail and instead he received probation. Later that year he conned a woman out of \$700 after getting her pregnant and drugging and raping her roommate. This time, he was sent to jail.

In prison as in the regular world, Manson proved to be an unstable fanatic. One obsession was his music, and having been influenced by the Beatles, he felt he could be much bigger, given a chance. He learned to play under the teachings of Alvin Karpis, an aging gangster. "There was something unmistakably unusual about Manson. He was a runt of sorts, but found his place as an experienced manipulator of others...I did feel manipulated, and under circumstances where it hadn't been necessary," said Karpis.

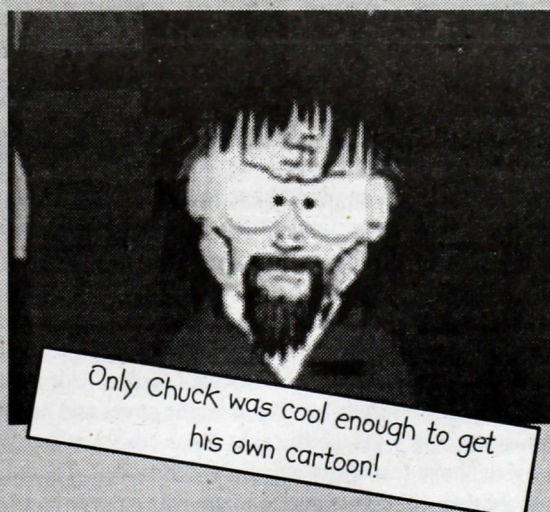
Manson was released in the spring of '67 and managed to blend in with the hippie crowd. He learned much, including how to use drugs to influence people. He collected a group of followers, mostly emotionally troubled women, and through his skills he turned them into a mindless group of zombies who would follow him into the ocean if he asked them to. They left San Francisco in '68 and eventually conned George Spahn into letting them live on his ranch, where he could work on his music with his followers and make something that everyone could love. But another piece of Charlie was his philosophy which was centred on a form of Armageddon.

This philosophy is believed to have been a tool of his to con followers, but there are rumours that even he believed some of it. The Armageddon was said to be a racial war in which the black man would rise up and take the world in revenge for the way they had been treated. He predicted that the black man would win the war, but would ultimately lose the power because of innate inferiority.

Manson claimed that he and his family would survive the war by hiding in a mythical cave that was supposed to exist in Death Valley. They would wait out the war, and when the black man had failed to keep the power, they would rise up and take the cities back with families that he predicted would have multiplied to 144,000. Unfortunately, the Armageddon was not starting soon enough for Manson, so he sent his people out to kill actress Sharon Tate and anyone else who may have been at her house in the most gruesome fashion imaginable. They would then take her wallet and leave it in the bathroom of a service station located in an area heavily populated by blacks in the hopes that they would take the credit cards and use them, thus tying them to the murder. The day after the Sharon Tate murder in which 5 people were viciously slaughtered, Manson and a few of his followers went to the LaBianca residence where they did the same to Leno and Rosemary LaBianca.

Manson believed that they had pulled off the perfect crimes, but unfortunately one of his family members let some information slip, and Manson was sentenced to death for his crimes. However, in '72 the California Supreme court abolished the death penalty, and so he ended up with a life sentence. The 68 year old currently resides in Corcoran State Prison. In 1997, he had a chance for parole but was turned down, to which he replied, "That's cool." His next hearing is in 2002.

<http://www.crimelibrary.com/manson/mansonmain.htm>



The Modern Cult

by Matt Kent
Closet Khaki freak

"Everybody in Khakis" - GAP commercial

"Everybody in Denial" - Rage Against The Machine: Guerilla Radio

Everybody in Khakis!!! Everybody dance!!! Just Be. We're going to tell you what to wear, what's cool, what's not. We're going to make you popular so that everyone you know will love you. But first you have to give us your money and your mind. You are going to do what we say because we know what's cool and you don't. If you want to be cool, be accepted and be loved, you're going to have to wear the special uniforms that we give you. You'll be delighted at the assortment we offer though, we offer you the freedom of choosing what to wear, as long as it's made by us. We employ child labour in 3rd world countries to make our clothing. You can almost smell the sweat of the innocent on them. But here's the catch, we're going to charge you anywhere from \$80 to \$300 for pieces of our clothing. If you're lucky, an entire ensemble is only going to cost you a couple hundred. But if you really want to look good, and remember we tell you when you look good, then you should spend as much as humanly possible. We will give you happiness and popularity, in exchange for your dignity, your money, and your mind.

Hello, we're the GAP and TOMMY HILFINGER. Don't forget Calvin Klein. We're a bunch of shallow, cold blooded money makers. We practically run the fashion business and as such we decide what the "cool" stuff is. But when we say khakis are cool, we mean *our* khakis. We pay our slaves 5 or 6 cents per day to make our pants and shirts. Then we sell them for a hundred dollars making a massive profit. We gouge you, destroy foreign labour markets, and control your mind. You'll never be sad, as long as you don't think for yourself. We'll tell your friends the same stuff we tell you, then they'll buy our clothes, which forces you to buy the clothes so you can fit in with your friends. If you don't buy our clothes you'll be alone. No one will like you because you don't look cool. They won't care what you're like on the inside, they only care about the clothes now. You have to buy our clothes, you have to listen to us. If it means being anorexic in order to fit into our clothes, then so be it. You're going to have to change who you are, into what we tell you to. We are the clothing companies of the new millennium, and you'll do what we say.

I sit by and watch these commercials on TV and I feel like vomiting. We see this all around: those little 12 year old girls dressing like Britney Spears. It's because they aren't thinking for themselves, they aren't even being given the chance. They're at the age where they're very impressionable, and they're being robbed of the ability to think for themselves. That's where the whole baggy jeans, chain on the wallet, grunge/skater look comes from. It's people thinking for themselves and saying, "F**k that man! I'm doin' what I like." Now I don't go for the baggy pants, I like to look dignified, but I'm not going to sell my identity just to fit in. If the people in this world are too narrow-minded to even try and get to know the real me, then the hell with them! When some people I know started getting excited about there being a GAP in the New North Gate Square in North Bay, I felt like slapping them. I refuse to go into this store. I look at the people who shop there, and they're all prissy, shallow and callous individuals who think I'm a loser because I wear Levis. Yeah I do wear Levis, they're comfortable, durable as steel, and they are cheap. You can't ask for more! Better yet, want a good quality pair of pants that looks good and can stand up to anything? Go to Mark's Work Wearhouse and get a pair of Denver Hayes. I have an orange pair that could double for work pants because they're so heavy. But I wear them as dressier pants because they look good! Please people, you're selling your souls for a pair of pants.

The Cult of The Annoying Student

by Ray MacGregor
founder of the Single 'G' Cult

This cult is one that every student knows full well about yet no one ever brings the truth forth. I am going to expose these individuals to the world even if it means my certain doom. Each year I have the unfortunate experience of encountering at least one of these cult members or "annoying know-it-alls," as they are sometimes referred to. This year there is at least one member in three of my five classes. They are the ones that tend to go on and on all class long about things that the rest of the class clearly does not care about whatsoever. They even sit there and agree or disagree with everything the professor says as though the class was being taught solely to them and that no one

else in the class is even there. These certain individuals tend to speak up in much more than they need to. The reason they do this is hard to explain but after intense research I have found out just why they have these obnoxious tendencies. I have figured out that these individuals speak simply to hear their own voice. Why in the world else would they speak out so much? Honestly, it has to be one of the most annoying things that I have ever encountered.

It's amazing how these people's minds work. Each student pays thousands of dollars every year to be taught by a professor who has the qualifications to teach at a university. For some reason the C.O.T.A.S. think that they know more than the prof and they speak up and even argue with the points the prof is making. The C.O.T.A.S. also cannot take a hint.

Through my experiences I have noticed fellow students trying to subtly give the hint that they are getting very fed up with the constant chatter and pointless ramblings-on. Some students slam pencils down, others moan and groan, and the other day I actually witnessed a student get up and leave the class so she did not have to hear anymore from the back seat professor.

These people have no respect for other students because they do not realize that they are actually wasting the rest of the class' time when they go on and on, making classes take longer than then they have to. This is especially annoying during night class. If they need to express their opinions, they don't make an appointment to talk to the professor, but instead they just let it all out during class. Most people

bring up concerns in class or answer questions like everyone else but the C.O.T.A.S. don't stop there. They just won't shut up.

It is a shame that we normal students have to go to class with C.O.T.A.S. members without knowing what we are getting into when we select our courses. If the C.O.T.A.S. are in one or more of your classes then you know exactly what it means to go to the first class of the semester and find one rambling on the whole time. Maybe now that they have been exposed for the talkative standouts that they are, we can come together as a group and pray that one day we will be rid of all C.O.T.A.S., be able to take notes and not get side tracked with stupidity.

The Lambda Cult Section is for an informative and humorous look at cults and cult leaders. The section was not intended in anyway to make fun of the beliefs and religions of anyone in, or affiliated with these cults. But remember... BEWARE THE OPRAH!!!

Wrestling Web Sites

by Hugh "Super-Size Fries" Panelas
Lambda's Bezerker

All wrestling fans search the internet on a daily basis scouring for pictures, downloads and any information that they can find on their favourite superstars. I'm sure that we have all visited WWF.com, OVWrestling.com or even the old WCW.com to get our online fix. The problem with these sites is that they are run by the companies that produce the wrestling product. They only tell you what they want you to know. You only get to see the pictures that they want you to see. That is why I have put together a small list of the best wrestling websites out there on the information highway. After visiting these sites you will start to demand more from the mainstream wrestling websites.

Bootydaddy.com

That's right, Scott Steiner has his own personal website. While the actual content is not that spectacular, it is worth mentioning because of what you can access here. To start with, there is the regular biography information. Scott Steiner goes into some pretty good detail about his career highlights in this section. There is even an area where there is a list of what titles he has held over his career and how long those title reigns where.

There is a news section that gets updated every once and a while. It's an informational forum that lets you know what he is up to and what is going on, things like public appearances and other such events. Of course, there are also the photo galleries. There are photos of Scott in the ring, magazines spreads and covers as well as fan art. There is also a small section of postcards that you can send out to people through e-mails.

The best part of this website is the Freak Club. All you have to do is fill in your e-mail address and you are signed up, ready to go. The Freak Club is the membership to Scott Steiner's personal website. You will get e-mails sent to you from the Genetic Freak himself telling you about career moves, new merchandise and site updates. It's actually kind of cool to get an e-mail from Steiner himself.

You can also purchase all kinds of merchandise featuring Scott Steiner but the best item by far is the personally autographed 8x10 pictures that you can get. Who doesn't want an autographed picture of Big Poppa Pump on their wall?

Stormwrestling.com

You guessed it: Lance Storm has his own website as well. This site is similar to Scott Steiner's in every aspect but there are a few added extras that make this one a little better.

Lance Storm has an area that is called "Commentary". This is a section where Storm actually takes the time to write a weekly commentary on the past week's events, his travels or anything else that he feels like writing about. I feel that this is a great aspect to the website because it makes us fans see him for what he truly is, a regular guy. We get the inside track about the wrestling world as Storm provides a behind the scenes look at the world of wrestling.

There is also a news section that provides a whole list of information. It includes what Storm is up to and what he is looking for. Confused? Well don't be. Lance Storm is an avid E-Bay user and he always has his own personal memorabilia for sale online. He is also a big reader and is always searching for first-edition copies of his favourite novels. If you have any, he will sometimes trade things like his wrestling boots and tights for them.

Storm also has the typical website stuff as well. There are downloads all over the place. There are many different types of wallpaper posted for you to take for your desktop. There is a biography section which is pretty interesting as Storm has competed in many different wrestling federations.

Ever wondered how Lance Storm keeps himself in shape? Ever wondered what the exact workout schedule of a WWF superstar would look like? Well your questions are answered as Storm has his entire workout routine posted for fans to take a look at.

Kinglawler.com

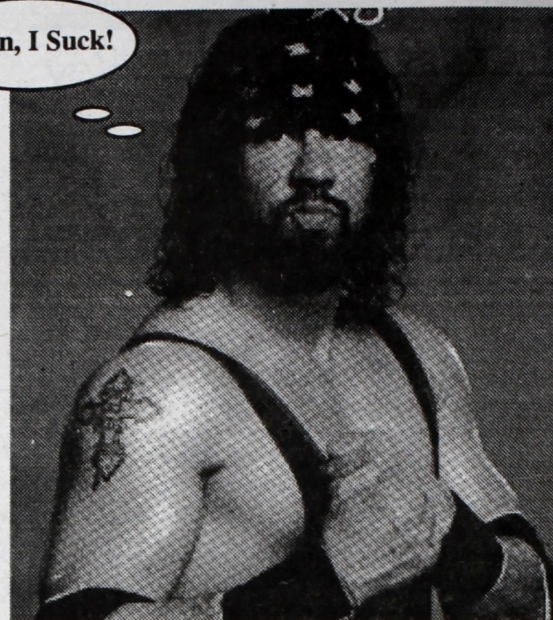
This is probably the best personal website on the entire Web. Jerry the King Lawler and his staff have outdone themselves with this one. To start with you have your regular information — you know, the biography and such — but there is so much more to this website.

First of all, there are usually massive site updates. I am convinced that every time someone sneezes in the wrestling world Kinglawler.com reports it. There is a ridiculous amount of information here. It will make your head spin just trying to keep up with it all. Jerry also has a commentary that he writes and again there is a lot of information involved. After he and Stacy decided to call it quits he wrote a very lengthy commentary letting all the fans know what had happened and why their relationship ended. He also assured all the fans that he would be ok and what his future plans were.

This site features hundreds of pictures as well. The King has pictures from Memphis Wrestling, pictures of himself, ECW pictures and pictures of his artwork. The best pictures are found in the King Kam and Kat Kam sections. These are pictures that Jerry and Stacy have taken backstage over the past few years in the wrestling world. This gives us fans the ultimate backstage look into the WWF and it gives us a chance to see our favourite superstars in their natural state.

Scraping Roadkill Off the Spanish Announce Table

Damn, I Suck!



by Nick "The Rabid Avenger" Stewart
Assistant Editor

Hardcore Bloody Midgets <http://www.bloodymidgets.com/indexenter2.html>

Yep, you read that right, the site is called Bloody Midgets. Guess what it's about? In case you've recently suffered massive head trauma and/or have sat through a Ben Affleck movie marathon, let me spell it out for you: this is a site dedicated to a crew of Hardcore Wrasslin' Midgets. I'm not sure how much more there is to say about this. They're midgets. They wrestle. They slam each other's faces into pile of thumbtacks and broken glass while setting each other on fire. It's pretty self-evident, really, and yet there's just something about flipping through the reams of photos of flaming, bloodied midgets that can't help but draw your attention. Apparently, these guys are somewhat famous, having appeared on WWF RAW, Jenny Jones, Jerry Springer, Rolling Stone, Sports Illustrated, and have featured the likes of Kid Rock, Stone Cold and I.C.P. Bloody midgets...really, that's all you need to know. (Check out Midget Chaos at www.midgetchaos.com for a similar but less impressive frame-by-frame analysis of a midget wrestling with a stripper.)

El Pinto Grande <http://www.somethingawful.com/epg/>

Although the WWF can be pretty wacky at time, the world of Mexican Wrestling features some of the most bizarre stuff you'll find in the ring. This site latches onto that fact and runs with it, presenting its content as though it were written by one of these Mexican wrestlers, known as El Pinto Grande. Said to be a 34 year old wrassler from Tijuana, El Pinto Grande speaks entirely in his own style of fractured Mex-English, though whether this is due to poor language skills or his head trauma from the "accident with flying machine and tractor" is unknown. From here you can check out his personally compiled descriptive list of wrestling trademarks from his fellow fictional Mexican Wrestlers, like Sombrero Largo's "Sombreroplex", or Captain Mysterio's "Keel Hold". You can also check out a list of his friends and enemies, and, strangely enough, a bunch of recipes — wonderful stuff like Rope Pie, Deep Fried Bats, or Goat in a Hat — left to him by his mother. It's pretty wacky stuff and probably not for everybody, but if you know a few things about Mexican wrestling, it can be good for a laugh or two.

Whiplash the Cowboy Monkey <http://www.whiplashrides.com/>

Nothing to do with wrestling, really. It's just here because there's nothing more heartwarming than a cowboy monkey.

Grudge Match <http://www.grudge-match.com/current.html>

If you've seen that Claymation Celebrity Grudge Match thang from MTV, then you've got a basic idea of what to expect here; of course, you'd have to remove the whole Claymation thing and use text instead, which makes it considerably less interesting. Still, it's hard not to love a site that regularly pits the rich, powerful and completely clueless against one another in fictional matches. Of course, since you can't see what's going on, you're going to have to let it all run its course in your head; thankfully, the site features Steve and Brian, two "commentators" who provide you with a solid pre-show style of rundown to give you an idea about who has what kind of edge and why. It doesn't sound like much, but it definitely helps to visualize, say, Bill and Ted taking on Wayne and Garth, or Tiger Woods duking it out with Michael Jordan. For instance, Steve picks Gary Coleman to lay the beatdown on Webster, if only because he's lived on the street and has fifteen extra pounds on him, "fifteen pounds of Webster-smashing muscle". On the flip side, Brian contends that Webster would win because he was raised by Alex Karras, "one of the most feared linemen in NFL history." These back-and-forth arguments go on for quite a while, giving you more than enough ammo to argue with your friends. Of course, you can always argue in the site's very own comment area; in fact, the site even awards the top three best "combat comments." Definitely worth a look, if only to see Martha Stewart and Kathie Lee Gifford going at it in the squared circle.

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The Past Meets the Present

by Hugh "The Lost Dudley" Panelas
A&E Editor

Recycling is a very popular thing in the WWF today. As I watch TV broadcast after TV broadcast I find myself having flashbacks to the days of my childhood when I would sit and watch Superstars of wrestling. The WWF has always incorporated old successful storylines and characters with new twists and slight variations but over the past couple of years I think that the people sitting in the Titan Towers dreaming up this stuff are losing their minds. There is some very clear cut hack jobs going on that any long time wrestling fan should be able to pick apart.

The following is a list of how a past character has been transformed into the familiar faces of this new and next generation of the WWF.

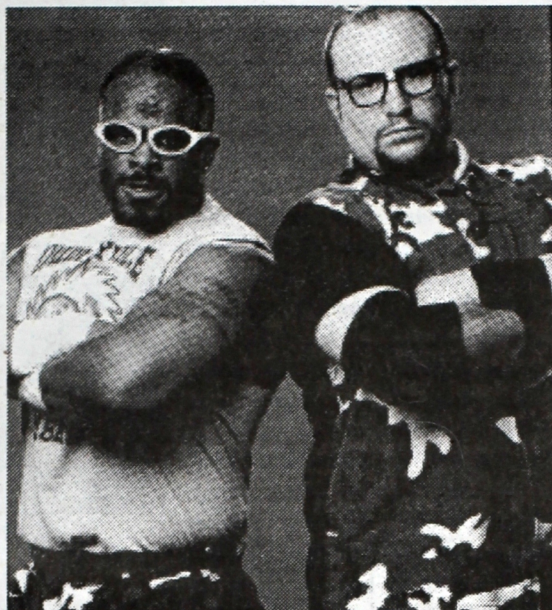
Ravishing Rick Rude to Val Venis

Rick Rude was a great WWF superstar. He is a former Intercontinental Champion, and a former winner of the Jesse "the Body" Award. His chiselled physique had women all over the arenas drooling with the anticipation of his robe removal. Every once and a while Rude would bring one lucky lady and deliver the "Rude Awakening", a kiss on the young lady's lips. Rude would also swivel his hips as sort of a cocky gesture because he was a bit full of himself. Sound familiar? It should, as Val Venis is an exact copy of the Rick Rude character. The only difference is that Val's character is supposed to be a former porn star. I guess the robe was dropped for a towel.

When Venis started out there were comparisons but since his return there has even been his own version of the "Rude Awakening". At least the WWF could have done is change it up a little.

Sandman to Stone Cold Steve Austin

I am no ECW expert by far but when Mat showed me a tape of a man called the Sandman it was like watching a fat loser version of Steve



I Think Big Daddy Dudley visited Nastyville a few times!

Austin hit the ring. The Sandman would come out to the ring with a 6-pack and would usually have them all drank before he hit the ring. He also used to hit all the turnbuckles with the beer and would pour them all over himself.

I think that it is funny that Stone Cold's main attraction other than the middle finger was stolen from an ECW character that originally started out as a surfer character. So other than having no wrestling skill in his current character, Steve Austin is also a rip-off of a former ECW star.

Legion of Doom to Demolition

Not too many people are aware of the fact that the Legion of Doom is responsible for the creation of Demolition. Vince McMahon tried for years to convince the Road Warriors to jump ship to the WWF but they remained loyal and refused to come over. As a result, Vince decided that he too would create a destructive tag team. He could not dress them in shoulder pads with spikes so the S&M look would have to do. That's why Axe and Smash had face paint and rather than have those pads, they came to the ring

wearing Friday the 13th style masks.

Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase to Tiger Ali Singh

Ted DiBiase knew that money talks. He had a body guard named Virgil and he would constantly buy his way through life. That included buying off referees, managers and even fans. He would clear out public pools just so he could have them all to himself. He would even get kids to perform such tasks as dribbling a basketball for \$100 only to kick the ball away when the kid was about to win. Ted's famous line was that "everybody has a price for the Million Dollar Man." Apparently everyone forgot that the Million Dollar Man was such a hated character and that what he used to do would still be in the minds of fans everywhere.

Not too long ago the WWF tried for a second time to put over Tiger Ali Singh. This time they had him act like he was a rich bastard that would buy people off. He would enter the arenas of RAW and would state that people would do anything for his money. This led to a brief feud with the Godfather because one of his hoes ended up making him win a bet that she could swallow a

kielbasa. "Everyone will do anything for my money" also led to Tiger trying to embarrass people for his own money.

Virgil to Maven

Virgil was the bodyguard of the Million Dollar Man and eventually he overcame his boss and stood on his two feet. He learned the ways of the ring and became a somewhat overnight success, as the crowds loved him. Everyone viewed Virgil as the underdog in life and it seemed to propel him to great heights. He even won the Million Dollar Belt from its owner Ted DiBiase.

Maven was an unknown man that survived the Tough Enough show and ended up getting a WWF contract. It's funny because every time I see Maven I think of Virgil. The way he walks to the ring, the way he poses on the turnbuckles and even the way he bounces around the ring. He just looks so happy and content with being there that it's funny. Instead of the Million Dollar Belt, they gave Maven the Hardcore Championship. The only thing that he is missing are the little red tassels from his tights and boots.

Mick Foley to Spike Dudley

I compare these two simply because they both are lacking in the wrestling skill category. Sure, Spike is smaller and much faster but he doesn't use many wrestling moves. He, like Foley, is the federation's punching bag. Whenever they want to attract viewers or want to put over someone big with the fans, here comes Spike to the rescue. Who else is crazy enough to get thrown through tables from insane heights? Look at the past RAW. It was Spike that took all the abuse from Brock Lesner. The WWF now has a young guy that will take unnecessary risks in order to make up for his lack of wrestling ability.

I am not going to be naïve and say that the WWF should be able to come up with fresh new characters all the time. That would simply be impossible. This list is just a few names that really stand out to me in the WWF. I know that each and every character has borrowed a move here or a word there but these are so blatantly obvious it makes me laugh. All I am asking for is a little more respect of the fans' minds when they send a guy out to the ring.

Editor's Addition:

Nasty Boys to Public Enemy to The Dudleys

Hugh is such a Dudley mark that he can't see that his favorite Tag Team are just a reincarnation of yet another fat, over-used, under talented team, the Nasty Boys. Hell, there was even Public Enemy in the middle, kind of like the ECW afterbirth of The Dudleys and The Nastys.

Both the Dudleys and Nastys are a team that should have never gone anywhere except to Jenny Craig. They both have stupid moves (the Pit Stop and the Wassup Drop) and for some reason the crowd cheers like mad. Maybe they feel they can connect on a redneck, beer drinking, never working out level (also see Sandman/Austin), but no matter what, the WWF will always have an out of shape tag team that the crowd loves!

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Ways to Tell That You're a Wrestling Fan

by Hugh Panelas
The Lost Boriqua

1. Mondays, Thursdays and Sundays are all religious days for you.
2. When you do something well you give a "woo" to let others know about it.
3. You play the same song every morning when you are getting dressed.
4. You find yourself talking in the 3rd person.
5. Simple injuries such as paper cuts bleed like there is no end in sight.
6. When you are in a bad mood your walk resembles that of Steve Austin.
7. When you don't hear or understand what someone has said to you, the "What's?" usually come in threes.
8. You have a strange urge to keep your entire body hair-free.
9. Having long hair seems like a requirement in your life.
10. When drinking beer you find it more enjoyable to pour it all over yourself rather than to actually drink it.
11. You own an obscene amount of cookie sheets.
12. All of the tables that you own are wooden and collapsible.
13. All of your trash cans are aluminium.
14. Wearing Speedos is a normal thing for you.
15. You only ride in one of three vehicles, a motorcycle, pick-up truck or a limousine.
16. Stacker 3 is part of your daily vitamin intake.
17. When someone asks you how you are you reply that you are either feeling "heel" or "face".
18. Your belts are all over sized.
19. You have 2 inch lifts in all of your footwear.
20. You are not overweight but rather a menacing powerhouse.
21. When you see a folding metal chair, your first thought is not to sit on it but smash a loved one in the back of the skull.
22. If a credit company threatens to send the Repoman, you can't wait to get his autograph.
23. When a prof gets something wrong on the board, instead of correcting the mistake, you start a "You F***ed Up" chant
24. You know a clothesline is NOT for laundry!
25. Choreographed is a four letter word!

by Hugh Panelas
A&E Editor

Whether it's the WCW or the WWF, both federations have made their mark in the wrestling world. Sure, there are many other federations across North America and even the world but these two are really the only ones that are a household name. While these companies were very different from one another they do have something in common. I'm not speaking of how each rips off the other's storylines or how former "superstars" jump from one fed to the other. I am referring to the chumps that have been given the honour of wearing the Heavyweight Championship. WCW and the WWF have put that title on some people that are jobbers at best. I would really like to have been at the production meetings when it was suggested that one of these men should be the champion. I bet some people lost their jobs over some of the decisions that have been made, or at least I hope they have. Here is a list of some of the worst Heavyweight Champions ever, in no specific order.

Mick Foley

I may get shot for saying it but this man should never have been allowed to wear the gold. What does he do? Foley is a fat homeless-looking bum that has less wrestling moves than Hulk Hogan. At least Hogan can perform the moves that he knows. Foley has been dubbed a "wrestling god" and for what reason? The man can't wrestle to save his life. Here's a guy that makes up for his lack of talent by taking unnecessary risks that in his mind pleases the crowd. I for one take no enjoyment in seeing a 300 plus pound man get hurled off of a cage into an announcer's table. Does it ever occur to anyone that he could have died performing any one of his stupid antics? A champion should show respect, honour and be loyal to his fans, not to be responsible for many children getting hurt in backyard wrestling.

The Big Show

I guess if you are big and stupid you can go far in life. Let that be a lesson to you out there. Once again, here is a guy that can't wrestle whatsoever, though his size and strength make him a very believable champion. I blame this one on both the WWF and WCW. You can't make him both unstoppable and yet weak

Just Bad Champions

at the same time. He loses matches in the worst ways ever. Pick a direction and stick with it for a while and then maybe I can believe him as a champion. Perhaps that whole "I'm Andre the Giant's son" thing is what killed it for me. It also might be the fact that he had a feud with Shane McMahon, a little boy that wants to be a wrestler rather than an owner's son. Either way, it should have been a long time before the Showster got the championship.

Kane

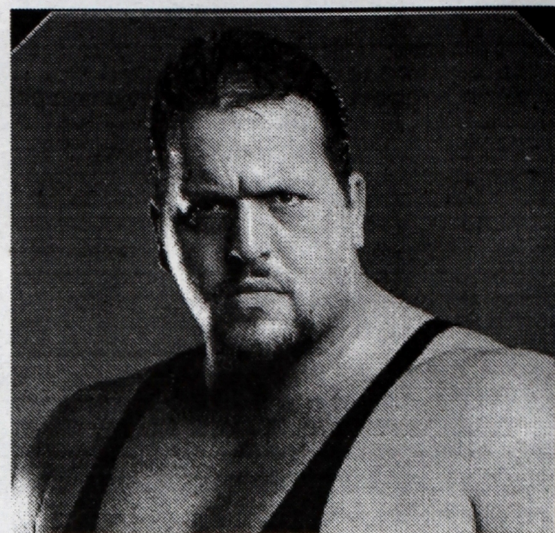
It must be nice to have a character based on the old Undertaker only to have the Undertaker change and to now have yourself lost in wrestling gimmick limbo. Every time this guy gets stale someone reaches for his mask and everyone talks about how you almost saw who he really is. Here's the secret folks: it's Issac Yankem, that dentist a few years ago that fought Bret Hart because Jerry Lawler told him to. Kane can wrestle, he has power, but his character sucks. And look how long he held the championship for the first time: 24 hours. Why bother putting the gold around his waist? While Kane had the championship, his mirror image didn't; that's a true crime.

Vince McMahon/Vince Russo

Both WCW and the WWF made this mistake and they each made it many times. Wrestling fans don't want to see the storylines revolve around the owner or the person that runs the company. Who cares about Vince, and I mean that about both of them. Here's the problem though: both WCW and the WWF put their respectful championships around the waist of both the Vincos. Talk about cheap. Why not give the championship to Barry Horowitz or Norman Smile while you're at it? Neither Vince has any wrestling talent. At least McMahon is in shape and doesn't wear a Yankees jersey with track pants to the ring. This probably goes down in history as quite possibly the worst pair of champions ever.

Bob Backlund (second title reign)/ Sgt. Slaughter

It must be a common theme in the wrestling industry to give a guy a title simply because of events that are going on in the world. Think back to how Bob Backlund got the WWF championship his second time. Owen Hart gets his mom Helen Hart to throw the towel in during a match between Bret Hart and Backlund. I wonder how Bob felt getting the championship only to further the feud between Owen and



WWF and WCW Heavyweight
Circus Freak

Bret. Then again, he didn't have much time to think about it as he lost it the next night in a super fast match to Diesel.

I will give Sgt. Slaughter credit for having the biggest set of brass balls on the planet for this one. Who in their right mind agrees to wear Iraqi colours during the Gulf War? I hope that he got a big pay raise for this one. But that's also the problem. He was the only one stupid enough to jump ship and as a result he was rewarded the championship. It's not like Slaughter was a good wrestler. He was bald and older than Hogan and past yelling at children during GI Joe; he never was really known for anything else.

Jeff Jarrett

Why is it that a man that could never be put over as heavyweight champion material that was never destined for anything bigger than the Intercontinental Championship possibly go back to WCW and get the championship? This one still makes my head spin. Jarrett is a small, weak, pathetic wrestler that really can't do anything but chirp to the crowd. Mic skills gets you the heavyweight championship? I don't think so. I think that it's also funny that a man that is a career Intercontinental Champion only gets that way because he steals the Honky Tonk Man's guitar smashing gimmick. Oh well, I think he was punished enough when the WWF turned him into a man that abuses women.

David Arquette

This IS the worst ever champion in wrestling history. What the hell was WCW thinking when they put the gold around his waist? I guess they tried to copy the success of the WWF when it brought the character Zeus into the fed from the silver screen. The main difference is that David Arquette is not a character; he is just a very bad actor. Nor is David Arquette a huge physical monster that just simply destroys human beings. This totally made the WCW even more pathetic than it ever was and it also disrespected a championship that had so much honour and prestige to it. How does David Arquette's name even get mentioned in the same breath as Ric Flair, Sting and other such stars? It doesn't and shouldn't. It's not a coincidence that WCW soon shut down after that title move.



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Ring Rust

by Hugh Panelas
A&E Editor

The draft has finally happened and after seeing what both shows took, I for one can say that I am glad I can't watch SmackDown because I work on Thursdays. I couldn't be happier with the way things turned out. It looks like the WWF took all of the bums of the federation and put them on SmackDown. I am really only disappointed that Benoit, Hogan and Angle ended up on the Thursday timeslot. The rest of the names can stay there never for me to lay eyes on again. Yes, that includes the Rock.

RAW isn't perfect though. While the WWF put all of the lighter, quicker and high flyers on SmackDown they managed to put all of the big, slow monsters on the RAW side of things. Unfortunately the Hardys are still hanging around on RAW. Too bad they didn't split them up rather than the Dudleys. That is one move that I never thought I would ever see. Who knows why the WWF decided to do that? I can only hope that there will be a Flair/McMahon trading deadline or something and that will fix some of the roster problems.

Overall the draft did make RAW pretty interesting but in the end I feel that fans will get bored of this whole division thing. It's looking very stupid and I can't see it making it to the first crossover event, the Royal Rumble. The WWF better have a few ace cards up their sleeves

because if they don't then we are all going to see the WWF fade away faster than it did a few years ago at the hands of WCW.

You may have noticed that Stone Cold Steve Austin has not been on TV since WrestleMania X-8. The reason for his absence is the fact that he is the smartest man in wrestling. Austin is not happy at all with the direction the WWF is taking so he returned home to Texas and is waiting this out. The WWF's answer is that he is a "free agent". Austin just might be that if the WWF isn't careful. This might have been Austin's last hurrah.

HHH has put Stephanie McMahon out of the WWF. Well, that's not entirely true, as she's going to be backstage for a while. The reason for this move is because of the most disgusting events that have ever happened in the world of wrestling. It seems that someone in the good old USA has decided to start a contest. What this person wants is nude photographs of Stephanie. The winnings for getting a full frontal nude shot of her is \$20 000. The rules of this sick f**k's game is simple. This person openly encourages people to get seats close to the ring at RAW and SmackDown and to have lots of cameras and video cams. This person also has said to jump the barricades, rip her clothes off and get the pictures. Sounds sick right? Absolutely disgusting, you'd think. There's no way anyone would do it, right?

Wrong. It has already happened once. As the WWF went off-air on SmackDown before WrestleMania and Stephanie was walking up the ramp, two men jumped over the barricade and ripped her shirt off and tore off into the crowd. There were a few wrestlers in the ring including HHH and they all took off into the crowd after these two ass clowns. Lucky for those two punks they didn't get caught by the Game. That's why Stephanie had on a cat suit at WrestleMania X-8 and also why she never left the stage area on RAW two weeks ago.

To make matters worse the WWF was at Penn State University this past week. A student reported that everyone got an e-mail saying that the price for the shot had gone up because everyone knew that the WWF was taking Stephanie off-air for her own protection. There were also flyers all over the campus stating the same message. When I heard reports of this story, I was angry beyond belief. Who in their right mind would advocate, encourage and pay for the assault of a woman? That is the most disgusting act that I can ever imagine and for what, so someone can have a picture of her naked? Hell, wait for her to pose in Playboy or something. I hope that they catch the freak or freaks that are responsible for the attacks and put them away. Wrestling is supposed to be fun, not some sick game.

Influential WWF Superstars

by Hugh Panelas
Saying his Prayers... Eating his vitamins...

Over the years the WWF has seen many men and women come and go. The roster seems to change every year as it gets bigger and sometimes even smaller depending on the success of the product at that time.

While there are the champions, the fan favourites and the wrestlers that people love to hate there are very few superstars that make a distinct impression on the game. There are very few superstars that have been responsible for a permanent change in the WWF. In my own personal opinion only Hulk Hogan, Stone Cold Steve Austin and Degeneration-X (Shawn Michaels and Hunter Hearst Helmsley) are the only men that have actually changed the direction of wrestling. Each of these men has contributed to the metamorphosis of the WWF in some way.

Hulk Hogan

The red and yellow machine is what put the WWF on the map. Sure, there were other stars at that time but none of them were bigger than Hulk Hogan. This is the man that people would line up for hours just to catch a glimpse of. Hogan is the man that filled the arenas for over a decade. You can argue that it was his match alone that was responsible for the first ever WrestleMania. After all, that tag team match was what the whole program was based on.

Hulk Hogan became a household name in the 80's. Even non-wrestling fans knew who this guy was. The Hulk Hogan tank top became the hottest seller in the wrestling world. At that time there wasn't much merchandise available to the public. It was the demand of owning a piece of Hulk Hogan that started the WWF's merchandise power.

Hogan was also one of the first and only men to go from the ring onto the silver screen with any success. Sure, some of the movies that he has made haven't been Oscar winners but what he has done has paved the way for guys like the Rock. Without Hogan having done it first and without Hogan doing it so well that door never would have been opened.

Stone Cold Steve Austin

The Rattlesnake was a character that the WWF has never seen. His antics are based firmly in uncharted WWF territory. The Stone Cold character is a basic blue-collared worker that everyone can relate to. He is a man that just simply got sick and tired of his boss. That's what the whole McMahon/Austin feud was all about. It was about a disgruntled employee that wasn't going to take no for an answer anymore and told his boss where to go. An employee/boss feud worked as well as it did because no one really likes everything about their boss. Austin just tapped into that.

Austin's "I don't give a crap and I'm going to do what I want" attitude took the wrestling industry by storm and it also became the norm. Stone Cold made beer chugging, swearing and telling your boss were to go cool. Everyone wanted to be Stone Cold, everyone wanted to act like Stone Cold and everyone wanted to look like Stone Cold. Steve Austin's t-shirt revolutionized the WWF's merchandizing industry as Austin 3:16 became the most talked about and most desired item in the country. The Austin 3:16 t-shirt smashed all the records set by Hulk Hogan's shirt. Austin 3:16 took the world by storm.

Degeneration-X

If Hulk Hogan is responsible for putting the WWF on the map then Shawn Michaels and Hunter Hearst Helmsley are responsible for putting it back there. In a time where the WWF product was stale and viewers were tuning into Monday Nitro rather than RAW, McMahon once again created a force that has never been seen before. DX was born and so was WWF Attitude.

The Degeneration-X style was in your face. They would tell you how it was, where it was going and if you didn't like it you could "Suck It". It was their language and their actions that brought a world of attention back to the WWF. They hinted at swearing, were the kings of insults and when push came to shove they could do anything in the ring. They had power, finesse, speed, and most importantly, youth. It was their sex appeal that got the attention of the female fans.

Degeneration-X was filled with controversy and as a result they attracted a lot of media coverage. Women's Rights groups and Parent groups all across North America tuned in and as a result there was also a lot of negative publicity. But the funny thing about controversy is that it sells and Vince McMahon knew this. The publicity drew viewers which drew more viewers and eventually after a year and a half of being second best the WWF was back on top.

WWF Raw and SmackDown Draft Results



The Rock
Kurt Angle
Chris Benoit
Hulk Hogan
Chuck and Billy (Tag Team Champions)
Edge
Rikishi
D-Von Dudley
Mark Henry
Maven (Hardcore Champion)
Billy Kidman
Tajiri (Cruiserweight Champion)
Chris Jericho
Ivory
Albert
Hurricane
Al Snow
Lance Storm
DDP
Torrie Wilson
Scotty 2 Hotty
Stacy Keibler
Christian
Test
Faarooq
Tazz
Hardcore Holly
Val Venis

Undertaker
nWo (Hall, Nash, X-Pac)
Kane
Rob Van Dam (IC Champ)
Booker T
The Big Show
Bubba Ray Dudley
Brock Lesnar
William Regal (European Champ)
Lita
Bradshaw
Steven Richards
Matt Hardy
Raven
Jeff Hardy
Mr. Perfect
Spike Dudley
D'Lo Brown
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Terri
Jaqueline
Goldust
Trish Stratus
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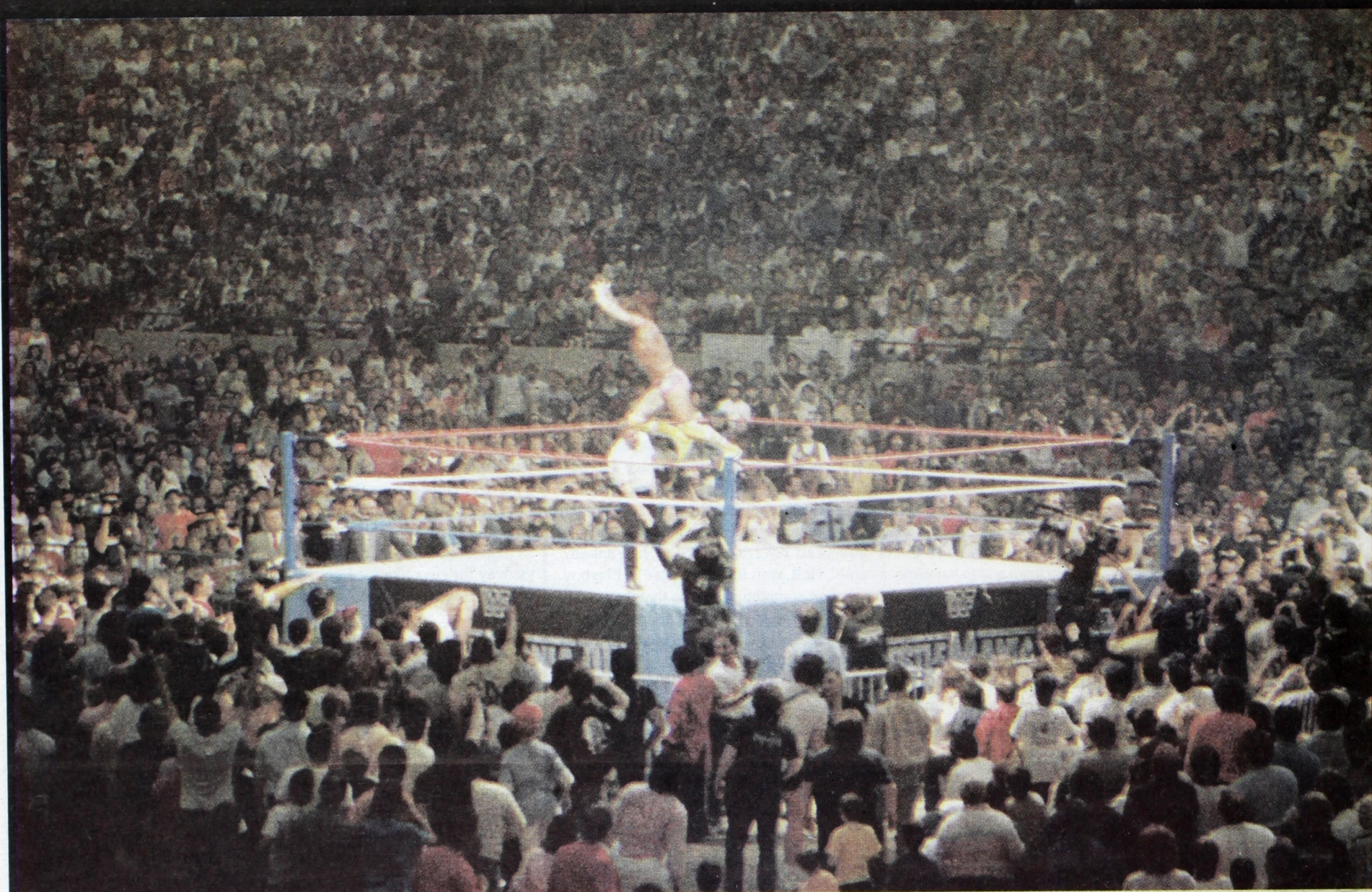


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Wrestlemania – It's Been 15 Years...

By Mat Thompson
The Original Repo Man

So many people ask me why Wrestlemania is such a big deal. Well, for those of you who are not wrestling fans, you will never understand. It's a fan thing. It really can't be explained in words. You just have to be there to completely understand the magnitude of this event.

This year Wrestlemania was even better for me, as I was not only seeing the return of Hulk Hogan to Wrestlemania, but it was also my return to Wrestlemania. Fifteen years ago my dad and I boarded a bus in Sarnia and were carted to the Pontiac Silverdome to see some of the biggest men in the biggest matches in sports entertainment.

Just picture it; 93,173 fans were packed into an arena made for football to see giants battle in the squared circle. I had never seen anything like it in my life. I was just a skinny 13 year-old kid wondering if the fans would cheer with me as I rooted for my favorites or if they would lynch me. Most of

my favorites lost, but I cheered my little heart out as my dad sat back and watched me and my love for pro wrestling.

Of all the matches that there were, I was most excited to see Junk Yard Dog take on Harley Race. Only being a kid, I had no idea that Harley Race was a legend, so of course I was upset when JYD had to bow down to the King. It didn't phase me much because I was seeing my favorites live. Beefcake and Valentine, Roddy Piper, The Magnificent Muraco, Iron Sheik and Nikolai Volkoff were just a few of the wrestlers I will never forget seeing.

The best matches of the night were the ones the crowd wanted to see most. First came Billy Jack Haynes vs Hercules Hernandez in the battle of the Full Nelsons. Looking back this match was somewhat of a joke, but in 1987, this was the true battle of strength. They traded moves until finally they screwed the fans with a double count-out.

The real battle of the giants came at the end of the night as Hulk Hogan put his heavyweight title on

the line against the undefeated Andre the Giant. I was probably the only person in the arena cheering for Andre, but I hated Hulk Hogan! The match kept the audience on the edge of its seat for the entire 14 minutes. It felt longer at the time, but Andre was pretty sick at the time and could not wrestle long matches. I'll never forget the crowd reaction to Hogan's bodyslam on Andre. After over three hours of wrestling, the arena was still jacked and cheering like mad. It was unbelievable.

Although the Heavyweight championship match was the main event, the match that stole the show was the Intercontinental Title match between Randy 'Macho Man' Savage and Ricky 'the Dragon' Steamboat. The match was high energy from beginning to end. There were so many near falls that I lost my voice half way through the match. I never sat down once during the match. I still watch this match on tape and no one has ever matched it.

So we jump ahead fifteen years and I have tickets to Wrestlemania again. This time in-

stead of spending \$100 for me and my dad to travel by bus to Michigan, I ended up spending \$1100 on eight tickets for me and my friends. And you know what... it was so worth it.

The excitement hit the second we saw the ring. I was pretty jacked before the event, but once I got to my seat and saw the ring, the ramp and the Titantron I went nuts. I was thirteen again waiting to see Hulk Hogan come down the ramp to once again place a beating on a useless opponent. I needed to see anyone. Hell, I would have exploded out of my seat if the first match was Kaientai Vs Brisco and Patterson. You will never understand the excitement of Wrestlemania unless you go.

One of the best points of the night was to see Ric Flair wrestle live. Sure, he had his ass handed to him by Undertaker, but JYD lost fifteen years ago, and I went on. Actually, my Wrestlemania curse continued as most people I cheered for lost their matches.

The return of Hulk Hogan was beyond huge! The arena erupted when he came out giving me flash-

backs to 1987, but this time I was on their side. I never liked Hogan much, but I hate the rock more. Maybe I will cheer for him at Wrestlemania XXX-3, but you never know.

Comparing the two Wrestlemanias is like comparing Ric Flair and Hulk Hogan in their prime. Each had their bad and good points, but they were both great.

Between the two shows I saw some of the greatest matches around; Savage/Steamboat, Hogan/Rock, Valentine & Beefcake/Rougeaus, Edge/Booker T, Hogan/Andre, Regal/RVD and more. Most people only get to see one live event in their lifetime, but I have been to 2 Wrestlemanias, Summerslam '93, Raw, Smackdown, Breakdown and a bunch of house shows. Wrestling is in my blood and I can't get enough of it.

I only had two problems with this year's Wrestlemania; 1) I wanted to see a Benoit and Lance Storm battle, but we will have to wait until next year for that, and 2) Where was the Repo Man?